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## Non-Kuwaiti officials will not be dismissed

KUWAIT'S cabinet has suspended a decision to dismiss non-Kuwaiti public servants. The cabinet has decided to replace non-Kuwaitis who resign, retire or die by Kuwaitis.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, the government's decision to dismiss 15 per cent of the non-Kuwaiti public servants has been suspended for humanitarian reasons.

Arab employees who display above average work performance will remain on their jobs as long as they maintain a high work standard and they will receive promotions commensurate with their performance.

### Contacted

The Civil Service Commission has contacted ministries and other government establishments about the number of employees who have resigned or who will reach retirement age this year. These employees will be replaced with Kuwaitis.

The council is making a study on work opportunities for Kuwaitis, who hold intermediate school certificates. The ministries plan to appoint a limited number of them as public servants, while others will be sent to the Public Authority for Training and Applied Education, to train them for jobs needed by the government.

Three ministries have discontinued the appointment of citizens with intermediate certificates, sources said.

### Coup bid foiled

PANAMA CITY, March 16, (Reuter): Panama's strongman was reported to have crushed a military coup today but new anti-government protests erupted, paralysing the business district and blocking the entrance to a US Air Force base.

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## Iraq bombs seven Iranian cities

# Fierce missile duel continues

NICOSIA, March 16, (Agencies): Iran and Iraq today blasted each other's capitals with missiles, hammered other cities with air raids and fought ground battles along the front.

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said Revolutionary Guards fired five missiles into the Iraqi capital after 70 Iranian civilians were killed in seven Iraqi missile attacks on Tehran and air raids on seven Iranian cities.

The state-run Iraqi News Agency confirmed only three hits on Baghdad and said "many civilians were killed or wounded." The agency did not give a casualty count, but reported seven missiles fired at Tehran, the last two at 2 pm (1100 GMT).

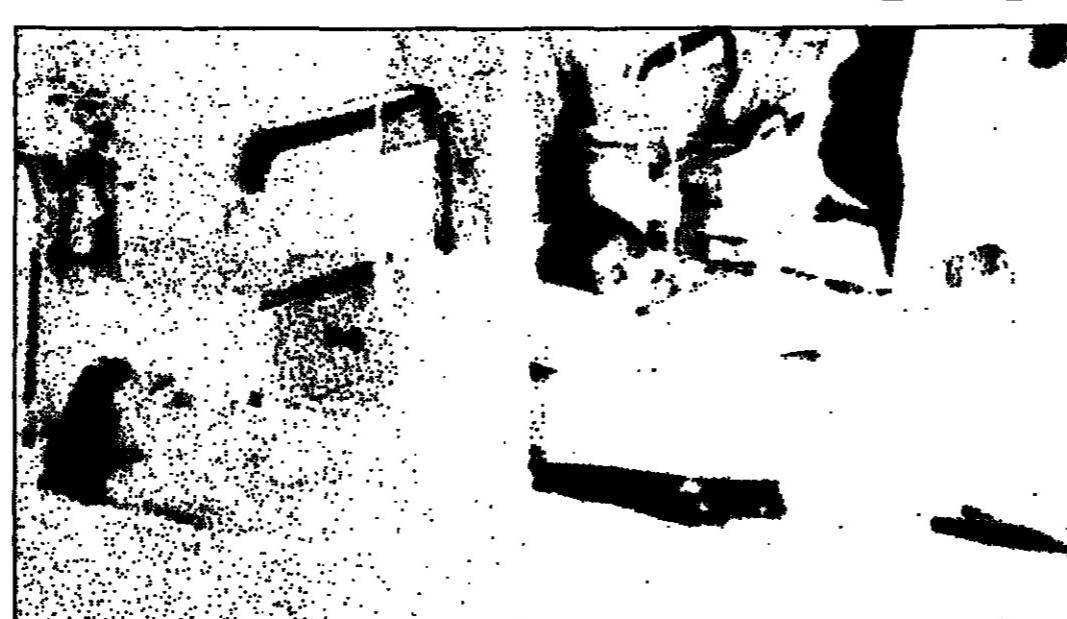
### Confirmed

Iran confirmed that missiles hit the capital and said Iraqi warplanes bombed Bakhtaran, Shiraz and other cities in western Iran. The Iranian agency said 25 civilians were killed and more than 100 wounded in Shiraz alone.

Iraq says it has fired 22 missiles into the Iranian capital since a two-day truce in the so-called "war of the cities" broke down late Sunday. Iran has reported launching seven into Baghdad.

Neither side has given an overall casualty count.

Iran said it launched a new ground operation in the northern Iraqi province of Sulaymaniyah to a US Air Force base.



(Reuters wirephoto)

Iranian children, injured in Iranian shelling, being treated in a hospital.

— the third in the region staged by Iran in four days.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi planes caused extensive damage to Tabriz and Kizayeh in northern Iran and Kermanshah in the west.

### Raid

He said other aircraft destroyed an anti-aircraft missile system in Tabriz.

Iraqi warplanes attacked Iran's vital Qutur bridge in northwestern Iran near the Turkish border. The bridge is a key link between Iran and Turkey.

The Iraqi agency reported that warplanes raided a "large maritime target," a reference to

The Iranian news agency reported that an Iraqi warplane was shot down by anti-aircraft gunners during a bombing raid on western Iran. Iraq denied the report, saying all its planes had returned.

Iraq's news agency said jet fighters bombed the northern Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk and other cities, "inflicting heavy casualties and losses on the enemy." It said the jet fighters also shot 16 air-to-ground missiles into Kirkuk, an important Iraqi oil centre.

The Iraqi agency reported that warplanes raided a "large maritime target," a reference to

an oil tanker, at 9 pm (1800 GMT) that night.

Gulf-based marine executives had reported a raid on the Liberian-flagged Trade Fortune at around the same time.

Residents are leaving Tehran for other parts of the country because of the Iraqi missile attacks.

In Mashhad, located in the northeast of the country, hotel charges have increased ten times in the past two weeks. One room in the villages near Tehran costs 3,000 rials for one night, almost half of the monthly income of a worker.

The killings raised to at least 97 the Palestinian death toll in 14 weeks of an uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Under the new restrictions that went into effect yesterday, residents of Gaza and the West Bank will only be allowed to call numbers in Israel and the occupied territories, the spokesman said.

The move apparently is intended to reduce contact between members of the PLO and local protest leaders, the Jerusalem Post reported.

## Four killed in West Bank

# Israel cuts phone links to gag Palestinians

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, March 16, (Agencies): Israel has indefinitely cut all outgoing international telephone calls from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and has banned travel between the two territories in an effort to restore order, Israeli officials said today.

"It is all part of the means that the administration and the Army are taking to get things back to normal," said a spokesman for the military's civil administration, which supervises the occupied territories.

Israeli troops killed four Palestinians in violent demonstrations in the West Bank today, Arab sources said.

### Confirmed

An Army spokesman confirmed two of the Palestinians died but said it was not clear whether they were killed by troops. The spokesman said the reports of the other two deaths were being checked.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Gorbachev proposes steps to cut tensions in Mediterranean

BELGRADE, March 16. (Reuter): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev today announced proposals to reduce tensions in the Mediterranean, which he described as "one of the most explosive regions in the world."

Addressing the Yugoslav Parliament on the third day of an official visit to Belgrade, Gorbachev also acknowledged that "unfounded accusations" by Josef Stalin against Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito in 1948 had inflicted great damage.

### Concerns

Gorbachev, the first Soviet leader to address the Belgrade Assembly, pointed his remarks at Yugoslav concerns, notably accusing Nato of seeking to build up arms on its southern flank to compensate for the treaty to scrap medium-range missiles.

"Today the Mediterranean is one of the most explosive regions of the world, an intricate knot of conflicting interests abounding in huge military arsenals which are continuing to grow," Gorbachev said.

He said he wanted to supplement previous Soviet ideas for reducing military tensions in the area with three proposals:

- The number of Soviet and US ships and the naval potential of the two countries should be frozen from July 1 this year and ceilings set on their levels thereafter.

- The Soviet Union and the United States could give each other advance warning on any movements of warships and naval exercises, and could invite observers to the manoeuvres.

- Mediterranean and other interested countries could draft measures to ensure the security of intensive shipping, especially

in international straits," with full Soviet support.

Moscow said last year it would withdraw its naval forces from the Mediterranean if the United States did the same, but the proposal brought no positive response from Washington. Gorbachev said the offer was still valid.

"For us the Mediterranean is no remote, out-of-the-way area," he said.

"It is close to our southern borders and is crossed by the only sea route linking our southern ports with the world's oceans.

Naturally we are interested in routes of peace rather than those of war passing here."

Gorbachev began his 45-minute speech by paying tribute to Tito's partisans who liberated Belgrade alongside Soviet troops during World War Two, and said the "militant brotherhood" between the two countries had been sealed in a 1945 treaty.

"Unfortunately soon the good relations between those two countries were obstructed, and the treaty broken off," he said.

### Review

Turning to arms control, Gorbachev said a Nato summit in Brussels earlier this month to review strategy after the signing of the superpower agreement to scrap intermediate-range nuclear missiles had produced "contradictions, not to say absurdities."

"Some of the North Atlantic leaders obviously tried to link the unbreakable," he said.

"They are trying to link approval of the treaty on medium- and shorter-range missiles with a demand to compensate by a build-up of other arms, particularly on Nato's southern flank."

## MPs campaign to keep TV out of Parliament

LONDON, March 16. (Reuter): Nine members of Parliament renewed efforts to prevent televising proceedings of the House of Commons after unprecedented scenes of uproar during the government's budget.

Parliament voted last month to allow television cameras to show its proceedings, ending 30 years of wrangling over whether its often stormy debates should be broadcast into living rooms across the land.

The vote was successful despite the opposition of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and televising is due to start this autumn.

An attempt to have the decision reversed was led by Conservative MP Tony Marlow who said: "Many people now realise that the bad behaviour has got worse, and that the presence of TV cameras in the chamber will stimulate even worse conduct."

Marlow and eight other conservatives signed a motion which

said members should be allowed to reconsider after "exhibitionist behaviour" during yesterday's budget speech.

The disruption, which one newspaper said was like a football riot, occurred while Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson outlined the budget.

Proceedings were suspended twice for several minutes when a Scottish National Party MP was expelled for yelling: "It's obscene," and Labour Party legislators chanted: "Shame," as Lawson announced tax cuts for the rich.

Their voices were heard across the land on radio, which has been broadcasting debates in the Commons for more than 10 years.

In an article headlined "shame, shame, indeed," opposition Social Democratic Party leader David Owen wrote in the Times newspaper that the disruption would fuel anxieties about the wisdom of letting television cameras into the house.

## 26 Tamils and two soldiers killed

# Indian troops smash rebel hideouts

COLOMBO, March 16. (Reuter): At least 26 Tamil separatist guerrillas and two soldiers were killed as thousands of Indian troops stormed rebel hideouts in northern Sri Lanka, military sources said today.

They said 5,000 soldiers swept through the jungle during the past four days smashing hideouts and training camps belonging to the powerful Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebel group.

They said a training camp for women guerrillas was among the hide-outs raided by Indian

troops in the Mankulam area and eight women were killed in the clash.

The operation, codenamed Vajra (sharp cutting), was launched last Saturday following stepped up attacks by the Tigers against Sinhalese villages in the Trincomalee district.

### Rejected

More than 80 civilians, most of them belonging to the majority Sinhalese community, have been killed in ethnic violence during the past two weeks, the sources said.

Fifty thousand Indian troops have been deployed to hunt down

A Tiger leader in Mankulam, identified only as Kandian, was captured in the operation.

The Tigers group has rejected a peace accord signed by Sri Lanka and India to end ethnic conflict on the island that has killed more than 8,000 people in the past five years.

The Tigers are conducting an armed campaign to set up an independent homeland for the Tamil minority, most of whom live in the North and East of the country.

Meanwhile Indian troops stopped a fast by a 58-year-old woman at Mamangam Hindu temple in Batticaloa today and

took her to a military camp, officials in Colombo said.

A spokeswoman for the Indian High Commission said the Indians were acting on a complaint made by the woman's children that their mother was fastening against her will and under duress.

Officials said 61 people died in avalanches that hit two mountain villages on Saturday night in the northern state's Ladakh region, 160 miles (260 km) north-west of Jammu, the winter capital of the state.

The avalanches swept away three dozen homes and came after blizzards that dumped huge amounts of snow on ridges above the villages. The accumulated snow was loosened by subsequent rainfall.

Officials said rain and snow were also responsible for deaths in other areas of the state.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Avalanches

JAMMU, India, March 16. (UPI): Authorities today put at 87 the number of people killed last week in blizzards, heavy rains and avalanches that swept the Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir state.

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### Ship fire

NEW YORK, March 16. (Reuter): A cruise liner with 707 people aboard was dead in the water in the gulf of Mexico after reporting a fire in the engine room, the US coast guard said.

The 465-foot (142-metre) Scandinavian Star sent an emergency message at 1:17 am (0167 GMT) reporting the fire and asking for nearby vessels to be ready to evacuate it if necessary. Lieutenant Jim Dale said by telephone from the Coast Guard's Miami operations centre.

### Unofficial march

BUDAPEST, March 16. (Reuter): More than 10,000 people, chanting "democracy", marched through Budapest in Communist Hungary's largest independent demonstration since the anti-Communist uprising of 1956.

They paraded in the capital yesterday, waving banners and applauding calls before parliament for reform and national independence.

"It shows that the opposition is getting stronger," one seasoned Western observer told Reuters.

### Hunger strike

NEW DELHI, March 16. (UPI): Sixteen Tibetan refugees and an Indian supporter will go on a "fast unto death" to press for the release of Tibetans detained in anti-Chinese protests in Lhasa and a UN probe into casualties and arrests, it was announced today.

Lhasa Tsering, president of the Tibetan Youth Congress, an exile group demanding an end to Chinese rule of Tibet, said the hunger strike would begin tomorrow morning in front of the UN Information Centre in New Delhi.

## Strip show draws union members

LONDON, March 16. (Reuter): A union meeting of construction workers in northwest England attracted five times the normal attendance when members heard it was going to finish with a show by two female strippers.

But the meeting, in a night club at Dinstington, provoked criticism from a rival branch of the union of construction, Allied Trades and Technicians yesterday.

The trade union movement stands for equal opportunities yet here we have one branch using gutter tactics to attract people to meetings," Willy Whalen, Secretary of the Union's neighbouring Carisbrooke branch.

He called the show "a disgraceful exploitation of women."

### De Mita named

ROME, March 16. (Reuter): President Francesco Cossiga asked Christian Democrat Ciriaco De Mita today to try to form Italy's 48th government since World War Two, presidential officials announced.

The big losers in Illinois were Republicans Dole and Pat Robertson along with Democrats Gore and Gephardt.

"We're staying in," said Dole after absorbing another beating at the hands of the Vice-President.

There was relatively little campaign activity today, after five frantic weeks in which nearly half the delegates to the national conventions were chosen.

The next major battleground for the Democrats was the neighbouring state of Michigan, which holds party caucuses on March 26.

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## Anderson starts fourth year in captivity

BEIRUT, March 16. (AP): Two Lebanese newspapers today published letters addressed to kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson and his captors on the third anniversary of his abduction in West Beirut.

The independent An Nahar and the Sunni Muslim Al Liwa also published a picture of Anderson's 2-year-old daughter Sulome, who was born after his March 16, 1983, abduction in West Beirut.

Castro is among 34 soldiers

and three civilians on trial in a Manila court for the murder of

President Corazon Aquino's

husband, who was shot on

August 21, 1983, as he returned from US exile. The 37 deny the charges.

### Confuse

Castro headed the security

team that escorted Aquino from

his plane on his arrival at Manila

airport.

Aquino's killing led to the

overthrow of President Marcos

in a civilian-backed Army revolt

two years later. Marcos said the

assassin was alleged communist

Rolando Galman, whom sol-

diers immediately killed after

Aquino was shot.

Suzuki, President of the Japan

Acoustic Laboratory, gave tes-

timony suggesting the military

tried to cover up its role in the

killing and confuse investigators

by saying Aquino was killed with

a 357 calibre Magnum revolver.

He said the sound of gunshot on

tape showed the weapon was a

.45 calibre pistol.

None of the tapes made by

journalists who were with

Aquino showed the actual shoot-

ing but they captured sounds of

gunfire, footsteps and the frantic

voices of soldiers moments be-

fore Aquino was shot in the

head.

Defence lawyers tried to stop

Suzuki from testifying, saying no

Philippine court had ever al-

lowed evidence based on analysis

of sounds caught on the tape and

that US courts spurned similar

testimony. The court threw out

the objections.

Suzuki said he used a spec-

## Bush and Simon win

# Illinois vote leaves Democrats confused

CHICAGO, March 16. (AP):

The Democrats' search for a presidential front-runner was stalled yesterday by the home-state revival of Sen. Paul Simon, victor over Jesse Jackson in the Illinois primary. Vice-President

won easily in the Republican contest, although he still had to contend with a battered but dogged Sen. Bob Dole.

White Bush clinched two-thirds of the delegates needed for his nomination at this summer's national convention. The Democrats were far from locking up anything. The race for a nominating majority of delegates was tied between Jackson and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

White Bush is on track for her because you are there. Now she is beginning to understand that things will change and one day we will be together to never separate again," the letter said.

Anderson, 40, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, has two daughters, Sulome and Gabrielle, 10. His father and elder

## KUWAIT

### Arab World Institute in Paris

# Projecting true Arab image

By Jadrana Porter

TILL two years ago Western Europe had a grossly distorted image of the Arab world. This began changing because of the greater accessibility to factual knowledge on the Arab countries their wise policies and a better comprehension of the Arab problems by Europe's media, according to Paul Carton, the president of the Arab World Institute in Paris, currently visiting Kuwait.

The institute itself is expected to boost efforts toward better understanding not only between the Arab and European governments but between their peoples, said Carton.

#### 13-year gap

He is on a Gulf tour that will also take him to the UAE with a mission to explain the impact of the institute's activities on the French public. In Kuwait, Carton was received by HH the Amir.

#### New clinics planned

DRAHMAD Rajae Al Jindi, the Director General of the Kuwait Islamic Medicine Centre, said the centre is considering the establishment of new clinics for specialised treatment.

In an interview with Seyassah newspaper, Dr Al Jindi said the centre treated 24,000 patients last year, 90 per cent of whom required continuing treatment for diseases such as asthma and diabetes.

He added that the centre had recently expanded its production of medicines, which were made from raw materials imported from Arab countries. The director explained that the centre was also involved in research activities and tests on drugs made primarily from herbs.

The centre offered treatment for only six common diseases when it opened about a year ago, he said, adding that this number has now reached 13. Dr Jindi said the main types of treatment were for allergy-related conditions such as asthma and bronchitis.

He emphasised that the centre's services were available to neighbouring Arab and Muslim countries at reduced charges because of the availability of the medicinal substances used.

#### Fined KD500 each for fraud

KUWAIT'S Court of Misdeemeanour fined four men KD500 each for commercial fraud.

The court found that the four men, one of whom was a pharmacist, had been selling imitation perfume at prices of the original item and misleading customers.

The men's plea of not guilty was changed during the course of the courtroom proceedings to a guilty plea.



Paul Carton

tion featuring the history of an Arab town, in this case Sanaa, has been held in the gallery. The exhibition will also tour some of the large cities in France.

The institute aims to promote Arab artists enabling them to present their work in its contemporary arts gallery. An exhibi-

There was a 13-year gap — flow in the Euro-Arab relations — between the time when the idea of the institute germinated and when it was opened last November.

In the first few months of its existence the institute has turned into a hub of intellectual activity projecting topics linked to Arab culture, exhibiting Arab and Islamic artefacts and promoting Arab music.

#### Supervising

The nine-storey institute houses a museum which has a collection of 600 objets d'art on display mainly belonging to the Louvre and the Museum of Oceanic and African Arts. Carton hopes that the Arab countries will make their own contributions to the collection.

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#### Arab national dress and performances of Arab music and dances.

The institute plays an important role in supervising the Arab cinema week and in producing studies and editing books on the Arab cinema.

#### Searcher

But above all it is a treasure house of information. It has got a library which can seat 150 people and which has been extensively used, said Carton. Plans are underway to increase the current number of 40,000 books to the library's full capacity of 100,000.

An audio-visual facility at the institute provides information accompanied by photographs on a variety of topics dealing with

the Arab world, with a robot searcher capable of fetching the required information. The Wall of the Arab Television is another facility with 24 screens running TV programmes produced by TV stations in Arab countries.

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### Students protest new academic charter

KUWAIT University Students Union held a protest meeting at the Faculty of Science against the new academic charter. The chairman of the union Mohammed Al Dallal, speaking at the meeting, said things would be unstable at the university until the administration reconsidered the charter, which is unfair to students.

Al Dallal said the students had protested several times against the charter, but the university ignored their protests and insisted on implementing the charter.

The students attending the meeting sent a cable to the Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri stating their objections to the application of the charter.

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### Syria rejects new US Mideast peace plan

SYRIAN Ambassador to Kuwait Issa Darwish was quoted yesterday as affirming that his country has rejected the US plan on solving the Middle East crisis, saying that it does not include a comprehensive just solution, and only preserves Israel's interests.

Darwish told a Kuwait newspaper that the new US initiative considers the Palestinians as refugees and ignores their right to self-determination and freedom on their own lands.

He added that it also ignores that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of Palestinians and the unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem.

Regarding an international peace conference, Darwish said that the US proposal which was tabled by US Secretary of State George Shultz during his recent tour in the Mideast region gave the conference a marginal role.

The US recent initiative bypasses the core of the Middle

East problem namely the Palestinian cause and the Palestinians self-determination, he said.

On the Palestinian uprising, the ambassador called for supporting the more than three-month old uprising by all means.

Responding to a question on his country's relations with the PLO, the Syrian ambassador said that a number of contacts have been made with the organisation's leadership and exchanges of opinions were made to serve their joint struggle.

#### Rqobah meets PIC officials

MINISTER of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday received in his office the chairman of the board of directors of the Petrochemical Industries Company, Adnan Yousif Al Mir and members of the board.

They discussed ways and means to find a solution to several related issues.

## Sudanese leader urges Arabs to unify stand

SUDANESE President Ahmed Al Mergani has emphasised the importance of implementing "all Arab charters and agreements" to achieve Arab solidarity and to counter external challenges.

He said Kuwaiti aid to Sudan during years of drought and desertification, and assistance to development schemes in south Sudan "constitute enough proof of greatness of Kuwait" which works toward verification of Arab and Islamic identity.

Extending best wishes and regards to HH the Amir of Kuwait, HH the Crown Prince and the Kuwaiti government, Al Mergani asserted that Sudan "backs boundlessly, the Kuwaiti people in face of threats and challenges" aimed at destroying the Arab identity in the Arabian Gulf.

On Sudanese-Ethiopian relations, Al Mergani said Sudan is not in enmity with Ethiopia, noting that diplomatic drives are

currently underway to improve relations between the two countries.

He said his country is keen on preserving its sovereignty and dignity, and emphasised that Sudan will not accept "bargaining."

Khartoum accuses Addis Ababa of backing the insurgents' movement in South Sudan, while Addis Ababa says Khartoum allows Eritrean fighters to launch attacks against Ethiopian Army outposts from Sudanese territories.

Al Mergani said the South Sudan problem can be solved internally and without foreign interference, indicating that the Sudanese Army, operating in the south, "is in full control."

On the economic crisis in Sudan, he said the government has taken necessary measures to correct the situation in the country.

## Kuwait's coastal waters free from pollution

AT a recent seminar held by Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research hydrology team, said Kuwait was one of the few countries that had planned for its coastal development. He added that the plans had been revised from time to time to keep up with changes covering coastal installations, power stations, afforestation areas, water desalination and entertainment areas.

He added that KISR had created a mathematical formula for determining coastal bottom sediment, which had proved important in designating suitable places for the construction of ports and entertainment areas.

A general plea was made to the public to keep Kuwait's coastal area clean so the country could maintain its pollution-free waters.

#### Filling stations employees

EMPLOYEES of petrol filling stations of the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) will be made redundant within a few years, according to a local newspaper.

It said KNPC was planning to convert all the filling stations into self-service ones, and eight will be converted each year.

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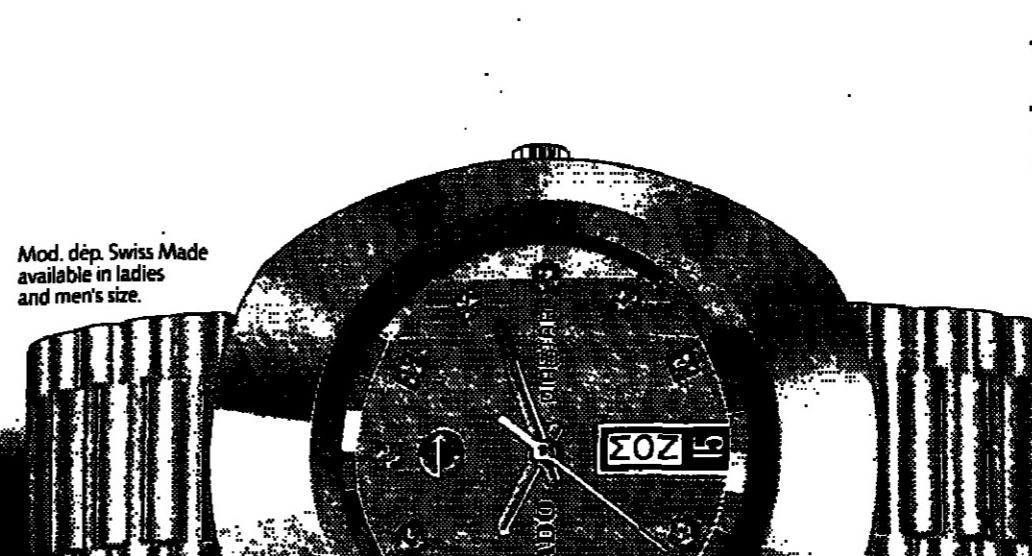
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## KUWAIT ... GULF

## Kuwaiti graduates being given job oriented training

SHEIKH Mohammed Al Salman, the Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwait's Civil Service Commission, said Kuwaiti graduates of Kuwait University were given training courses after job appointments to gain further experience in their work field, especially when their majors were different from the job to which they were appointed.

He said the training courses were held by the Public Administration Department at Kuwait University in cooperation with the Civil Service Commission, adding that the CSC tries to appoint Kuwaiti graduates to jobs that are suitable to their

## training.

The Director General of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science Dr Ali Al Shamani said most of the staff of Kfas were graduates of Kuwait University and had proven themselves to be efficient in their work.

## Fluency

He suggested that authorities study the needs of the local labour market and recommended that Kuwaiti students be encouraged to study majors that are needed locally. Kfas organises training courses for newly appointed employees, he said, and sends some workers abroad

to receive specialised training. The Assistant Director of Personnel at the Kuwait Foreign Trading and Investment Company Khawla Al Roumi said the academic standard of graduates of Kuwait University was the same as that of European and American graduates. She said that graduates of Kuwait University simply lack fluency in English, which is essential for work in investment companies.

She said the company offers nine to 12 months training courses in English in the US for Kuwaiti graduates of Kuwait University who are appointed by the company in addition to nine months of on-the-job training.



Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah (second right) presents a certificate to one of the officers.

## Shevardnadze sends message to Sabah

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received a reply message from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze delivered by the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, Ernest Zverev during a meeting with Sheikh Sabah at the foreign ministry.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that the messages dealt with the developments in the region and the dangerous escalation in the Iraq-Iran war.

Sheikh Sabah emphasised anew that any delay in implementing the Security Council resolution 598 would definitely lead to more disastrous and dangerous escalation... and that is what is going at present represented by the shelling of cities, the victims of which are thousands of innocents.

He added that Shevardnadze's message also dealt with the situation of Afghanistan and the efforts underway toward reaching a settlement of the crisis there.

## Concern

Zverev said the Soviet leadership well understands Kuwait's concern for the delay in reaching an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

The Ambassador told reporters that it is necessary that efforts of the international community concentrate on this direction to renew the hope of a peaceful settlement for the Iraqi-Iran conflict.

He added that he expressed during his talks with Sheikh Sabah the concern of Moscow about the resumption of the war of cities between Iran and Iraq, which is escalating the situation and increasing tension in the region.

He added that the Soviet Union had embarked on new measures at the UN Security

Council affirming that his country was prepared to cooperate with Kuwait and the Arab Gulf states with the aim of reaching a quick end to the conflict.

He further said that he delivered to Sheikh Sabah the text of the Soviet statement issued yesterday on the situation in Afghanistan and the reasons for the deadlock of the negotiations between Pakistan and Afghanistan in Geneva on the Afghan crisis.

Sheikh Sabah yesterday presided over a meeting for a ministerial committee that discussed a number of state projects.

The committee grouped Minister of Finance Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi, Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti, and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and acting Planning Minister Rashed Al Rashed.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received acting Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

### Congratulations

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to President Daniel Arap Moi on his re-election as President of Kenya.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saud Al Abdullah Al Sabah also sent a cable of congratulations to President Daniel Arap Moi.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Superpowers' game

A LOCAL daily yesterday commented on the resumption of the war of cities between Iran and Iraq, with one holding the superpowers responsible and the other blaming Iran.

In a front page editorial Al Rai Al Aam said that the United States, the Soviet Union and China are playing a game with the various parties concerned with the aim of securing maximum benefit from that conflict.

The paper noted that the superpowers so far had not taken any steps towards reaching a solution in this regard and charged that delaying implementation of Security Council resolution 598 had caused rising tensions.

Al Rai Al Aam regretted that the war of the cities between the two Muslim countries is escalating and the number of the victims are increasing, while the five big countries are busy in consultations on issuing another statement to condemn the conflict.

In conclusion, the daily warned that as long as the arms and oil trade with Iran are continuing the region will witness further critical events.

### Call for complete halt to war

A KUWAITI weekly magazine called for a complete halt to the Iraq-Iran war while hailing Iraq's positive stand toward all peace initiatives and its readiness to stop the war.

In its issue due to be published on Friday, Al Yalqa said editorially, "we call for a halt to the war and not only a truce or a stop of raids on cities."

The magazine added that eight years of peace calls are being ignored by Tehran and instead of responding to them Iran sends thousands of soldiers to launch "foolish military adventures against Iraq."

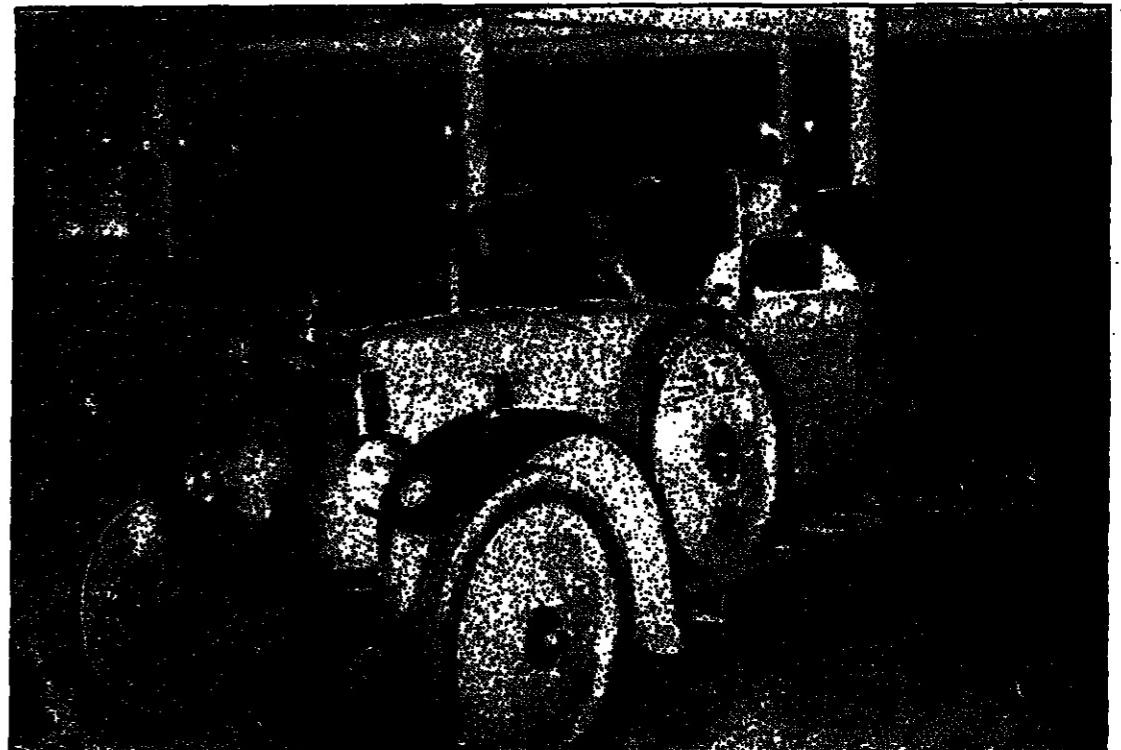
The magazine went on saying "Iraq, who welcomed all peace initiatives since the first day of the fighting, was hurt by Iranian stubborn stands."

Baghdad was thus urged to fight back to prove its capability hoping that a rational stage would ensue; leading to peace.

Al Yalqa stressed that stopping the war will give a chance for the two sides to rebuild what the war destroyed and would pave the way toward Jerusalem by directing the rockets against the Zionist enemy instead of the cities.

## London-Sydney Endurance Trial

### Britons pass through Kuwait



Alinas and Partens in their car.

By Ghada Dahlan

TWO Englishmen, Brian Alinas and Michael Partens, who are taking part in the Australian Bicentennial London-Sydney Endurance Trial, left Kuwait yesterday. They said the rules required each team to take a different route which entailed the crossing of only one ocean, and to use a car manufactured before 1920.

The drivers told Al Seyassah newspaper that they were the only team that chose the Middle East route. They began the trip in January in a car built in 1924. Brian said that he and his co-

driver would have to bear most of the cost of the journey because the Australian organisers contributed only a small percentage of the cost.

He said it took them two years to prepare their car for the trial and they altered the specification to help them complete the long journey without technical problems. They also carried the necessary spare parts.

### Impression

Michael who works in the tourist field, said he considered the race as an adventure that would enable him to visit some new countries and areas. He said the journey had taken them through Egypt, Jordan, Saudi

Arabia and Kuwait and helped them to become acquainted with Arabs and their traditions.

He said that the people of these countries were generous, genuine and kind. He said the trip had brought him many surprises. He formerly had the impression that Arabs were bedouins who roamed around the Middle East desert.

The two drivers left for the UAE, India and Singapore and hoped to arrive in Sydney during May.

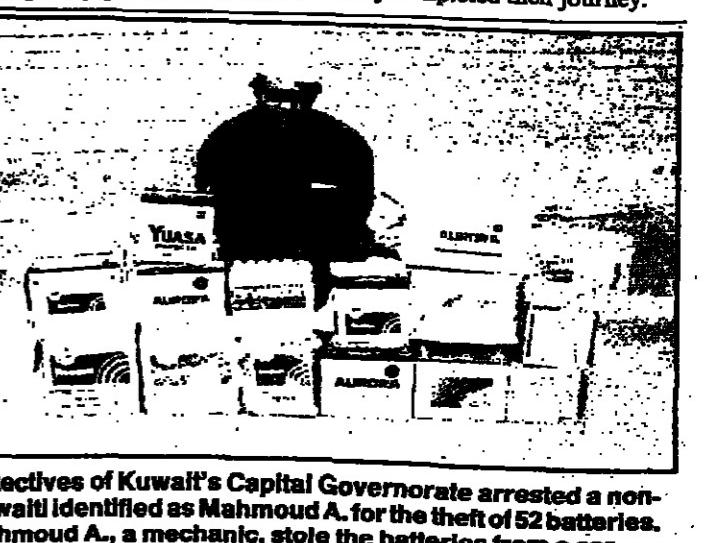
They said their car was worth about \$1.5 million and there were only three similar ones in the world. They pointed out that the car's value would double after they completed their journey.

### Army to develop medical services

THE Director of Kuwait's Army Medical Centre Colonel Abdul Rahman Al Nasim said the Army plans to further develop its medical services for military staff.

He said the centre offers treatment for military staff and examines newly appointed employees and soldiers. Men who reach the age of 18 are also examined by the centre to determine their fitness for military service.

Al Nasim said the centre, which was established in 1978, is one of the main branches of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Kuwait Army.



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# A good, solid meal



## Table Talk

BY DINAH

**DECIDING** where to eat out in Kuwait ten years ago was a much simpler matter than it is today. Your choice was limited to the three main hotels (the Sheraton, Hilton or Messilah Beach), a handful of Arab cafés like Jabis or Al Ghannim's or one of the Caesar's chain. In that decade Caesar's Chinese restaurant, located behind the Sheraton, has changed little. The menu might have been reprinted, but the contents are the same; many of the same waiters are still there to welcome you apart from a coat of paint the odd decor — bland beige wardrobe-door type paneling — hasn't altered a bit; but, best of all, the prices have hardly increased at all. Caesar's even attracts the same kind of customers as it did all that time ago: hungry Western bachelors, Indian families with small children and Kuwaiti

couples looking for an economical night out. Even with all the competition it faces today, Caesar's is still able to fill its tables night after night. So who can blame them for being conservative when they have obviously hit upon a very successful formula?

The menu offers a choice of either Western dishes — steaks, salads and sizzlers or a wide range of American-style "Chinese" food, averaging around KD1.500 a dish. The style of cooking bears little relation to real Chinese food but, being rather bland in flavour, it appeals to people who want a solid, filling meal without rich exotic sauces. It's almost Chinese-style nursery food. Portions are large and your waiter will gladly parcel up any left-overs for you to take away. As similar vegetables are used in practically every dish, there is insufficient contrast in flavour and texture, though.

### Mixture

We started our meal with glasses of appetizing fresh lemon juice. Our starter — mixed special spring rolls — was a filling dish of prawns, chicken and vegetables inside a rather heavy dough case. The four main course dishes we ordered included chicken with cashew nuts — tender strips of chicken breast cooked with a generous helping of roasted cashews, green pepper, cabbage, beans/onions and peas. The Beef Chow Mein contained the same vegetable mixture with the addition of carrots and

soggy lettuce. The rather tough beef was not of the best quality, but the noodles were tasty. The vegetable fried rice contained the same carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, and onion mixture. For a prawn dish we chose the exotic-sounding "Cambodian Enco" which comprised six giant prawns coated in a thick, doughy batter and served in a delicate sauce of tomato and coconut milk.

The dessert menu was as limited as it is in most Chinese restaurants and, in fact, we finished the meal with Koufli — Indian ice-cream made from thick cream, pistachios and almonds. Caesar's do an excellent version of it and it's well worth trying if you are still hungry after the main course.

Including Turkish coffee the total bill came to KD9.400 including 10% service, which was good value for money, as we had enough food left over to take away for a delicious meal the next day. The service was quick and courteous and the atmosphere warm and unpretentious. Dimly lit, with tables placed close together, Caesar's has a friendly, family feeling which makes it the kind of place the solitary diner can eat without feeling lonely.

**Restaurant: Caesar's**  
**Type:** American-style Chinese  
**Meals:** Three courses  
**Price:** KD9.400 (for two)  
**Star rating (out of five):** Food: ★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★ Service: ★★★ Value for money: ★★★★



Kevin Eubanks: guitarist

## American trio to hold jazz concert

A WELL-KNOWN American jazz band presents a concert of contemporary jazz in Kuwait next week.

The Kevin Eubanks Trio, which is currently touring the world, arrives in Kuwait from India early next week to perform at the Kuwait University Sports Stadium in Shuwaikh.

The trio — guitar, bass, drums, performs an energized brand of contemporary jazz featuring fast-paced virtuoso playing. Some works in the Bebop, straight-ahead jazz tradition while others incorporate elements of rock and funk. Many are Kevin Eubank's own compositions.

Leonard Feature of the Los Angeles Times described Eubanks as "one of the two most important additions ... today's guitar scene."

Eubanks, who recently turned 30, rose to fame performing with Art Blakey, McCoy Tyner and Slide Hampton. In addition to Eubanks who plays both acoustic and electric guitars, the group consists of Rael Wesley Grand on bass and Eugene Jackson on drums, plus a sound technician and road manager.

Besides concerts, Eubanks can also conduct workshops, part talks and part demonstration, on contemporary music and how it relates to the jazz.

tradition, particularly from a guitar perspective. He can also do a history of jazz guitar, showing a variety of styles performed on this instrument. Eubanks has a degree in composition from the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

In Kuwait the Trio will play

selections from The Heat of Heat (Terry Lewis and James Harris III); Palace of the Seven Jewels (Onaje Allan Gumbs); First Thing, First (George Benson); Nardis (Miles Davis); Sojourn (Patrice Rushen); That's What Friends Are For (Burt Bacharach); Moments Aren't Moments (Stevie Wonder); Wave (Carlos Jobim); Relazin' at Camarillo (Charles Parker) and Thick Bag (Wes Montgomery).

Eubanks will also perform his own compositions including Smile, Third Interior, Face to Face, Essence, A Silent Waltz and Ebony Sunrise.

The concert is being held jointly under the auspices of the Artistic Activity Administration of Kuwait University and the Cultural Office of the American Embassy. It will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 7.30 pm, at the Kuwait University Sports Stadium, Shuwaikh Campus. All are welcome. No admission fee, no reserved seats.

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Starring: Hemant Birje, Sriprada Krishna

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Starring: Smita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah

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Sultan Gallery

An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasmine Bhaini will be held at the gallery, Al Soor St., from March 28. It will be open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm.

### MUSIC

Rock 'n' Romance  
Kuwait Players present Rock 'n' Romance, a rock show with a romantic touch.

Directed by June Stevenson and Phil Thomas, featuring music by Eric Clapton, Dire Straits, Elton John, Chopin and others.

It will be held at the Regency Palace Hotel at 8 pm on March 20, 21, 22, 23 and at 3 pm and 8 pm on March 24. For details call 5624175, after 2 pm, or 574538.

Musical Nite

Funkada, a local music group, will hold Rang Trang, a musical nite, on March 24, 7.30 pm, at the Sharq Cooperative Society Hall. Entrance is by invitations only. Contact the organisers for details.

Jazz Concert

The American jazz band, the Kevin Eubanks Trio, will give a concert at the Kuwait University Sports Stadium Shuwaikh, on Tuesday, March 22, at 7.30 pm.

The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8 pm, until March 31.

No admission fee, no reserved seats.

### ARTS

Ghadir Gallery

Egyptian artist Magdi Kenawy is showing his latest collection of lithographs and prints at the gallery in Salhiya Complex. The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8 pm, until March 31.

No admission fee, no reserved seats.

### EDUCATION

Higher Education

In UK Exhibition

Representatives from universities all over Britain will be present to give expert advice on courses and admissions procedures from March 21 to 23 at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

Main Control will be at Entertainer City, and the cars can be seen there between 4.30 pm and 6 pm.

The cars return to SAS at 10 pm, and the rally resumes at 9 am the next morning. Stages will be in the Magwa and Sulaiya areas and the cars can be seen at Friday at Main Control from 12.30 pm. The rally finish is at the SAS Hotel at 5.15 pm.

Sports Festival

for Children

A sports festival for Bangladeshi children will be held on April 8. For details contact 4840759; 4710306; 5716586; 3903605. All Bangladeshis are welcome.

Interschool Knockout '88

A series of sports and games featuring student and teacher teams from Kuwait's schools will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. For details contact the hotel. Poolside barbecue and dinner for spectators.

Bridge Club

Sheraton Bridge Club individual tournament will be held at 4 pm on Friday.

At the Hilton

La Palma offers an extensive brunch buffet on Friday, noon to 1.30 pm, featuring specialities of the deep

American South like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jambalaya, spicy corn parties and much more.

Listen to jazz blues played by the Magnetic Band Quartet.

At the SAS

The Peacock Room offers Chinese dining, from Peking to Szechuan, for lunch and dinner daily except Saturdays.

Oriental and Western cuisine offered daily for lunch at the Al Boom Restaurant.

At the Meridien

Today Oriental food is featured at the La Brasserie.

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Today is the last day of fresh

lobster promotion in the Ver-

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On Friday, join the fun at the

family event in La Brasserie,

from 12 noon to 4 pm, and

enjoy an extensive Oriental

buffet, music and games for

children in special playroom.

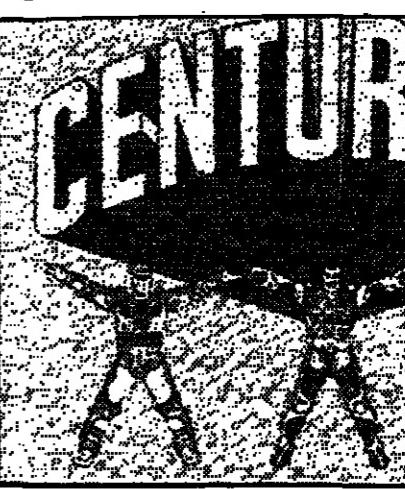
Bugs Bunny and Donald Duck

also provide entertainment for

children. Al Waha in the Salbia Complex is one of the conven-

tient meeting places in town for downtown office workers and shoppers.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



The Cop' is the title of Friday's episode of Matlock, 9.05 pm, KTV 2.

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Fi Ribab Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareeb.

11.00 Songs  
11.30 Islam wal Insaan: religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.

12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhama Min Akhbar Jahan: Arabic serial, starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.

1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 INTERVAL

2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV

3.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.

4.00 Hub Min Al Sama'a: Arabic feature film. Starring: Najat Ali, Mohammad Ameen, Hussein Riyad, Ilham Hussein.

7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Kul al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi

8.00 Weekly Seminar: a talk show on topical events in Kuwait

9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Al Khurooj An Al Ma'louf: part one of local play starring Hayat Al Fahad, Sulaiman Yaseen, Ahmad Saleh. Directed by Abdul Rahman Al Muslim.

12.00 News Summary  
12.05 World News Via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

2.25 Opening and Holy Quran  
2.30 Report from S. Arabia  
3.00 Big League Soccer  
4.10 Football: Arab Gulf

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

### CINEMA TODAY

Al Jannah  
Zaman Hatem Zahran (Arabic)  
Ahmad Drive-In  
Maut Samira (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra  
Hot Shots  
Granda  
Sindoor (Hindi)

Starring: Mamoud Abdul Alim, Mirvat Ameen

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow — Chinese proverb.

## Rich and poor help uprising

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN, (Reuter): From bankers to bus-drivers, people in Jordan are reaching into their pockets to help Palestinians fighting Israel occupation on their doorstep.

A committee raising funds to sustain a three-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has collected more than \$1.5 million since it was set up in January, treasurer Mamoud Al Abbadi said.

Donors range from the chairman of Jordan's biggest bank to labourers at the foot of the pay-scale, Abbadi said.

Arab Bank chairman Abdul Majid Shoman, heading the committee of professional, trade and labour groups, has contributed about \$375,000, including \$75,000 from his personal account, Abbadi said.

Israel has said it will stop Palestinians travelling to the West Bank from bringing in more than \$1,000 per person in hard currency. Fund-raising committee sources said money could be smuggled in or sent through informal channels without interference from Jordan or the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Diplomats say Jordan and the PLO have in the past used financial means to compete for influence in the West Bank.

They also cooperate within a Joint Steadfastness Fund, established in 1978 by the Arab League, which last week allocated \$32 million to the occupied areas, though it has in hand only \$19 million from Saudi Arabia.

Occupied Territories Minister Marwan Doum told Reuters the disparity showed how urgently West Bank health, social, housing and educational projects needed funds.

"We welcome any kind of aid," he said. "The money should go to sectors, not individuals ... and we should get together with the fund-raising committee and the zakat to avoid duplication."

## Democratisation in Asia

## A new political relationship likely

By Takashi Oka

TAIPEI, Taiwan: With Rob Tae Woo's accession to South Korea's Presidency, East Asia has three leaders who seem remarkably similar in their informality, accessibility, and lack of affection: Rob, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan, and Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita of Japan.

South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan share another characteristic: Their economies are dynamic, with healthy trade surpluses, especially with the United States. Their people are literate, hard-working, and hospitable to technical change.

Could these three lands come together in an East Asian version of the European Economic Community (EEC)?

Not in any formal sense, most political analysts would say. In the first place, historical memories are still too bitter: until Japan's defeat in World War II, both Korea and Taiwan were Japanese colonies. Secondly, both are parts of divided countries. Communist North Korea has been South Korea's implacable enemy. The People's Republic of China considers Taiwan a part of China and would strenuously oppose any arrangement that would tie the island more tightly to South Korea and Japan.

Yet informally, the Taiwanese and South Korean economies already are inextricably linked with Japan's, a linkage likely to become even closer in the future.

Both Taiwan and South Korea rely heavily on Japanese parts for the cars and electronic items they export.

### Import

The reverse is also becoming increasingly true. As the yen rises, Japanese makers scouring the region for cheaper parts are depending more and more on South Korean and Taiwanese components for their computers, tape decks, even cars. They are beginning to import finished goods from these countries as well. In time the final buyer may have difficulty knowing exactly how much of his purchase was

## Price is justified

SIR: This refers to Shahid Iqbal's letter "Reduce the price" (AT, March 10) in which he demanded a reduction in the price of the Arab Times from 150 fils to 100 fils.

I want to point out that most of the people waste about 500 fils daily on smoking, spend KD 3 per week on video cassettes, but when it comes to buying newspapers they claim they cannot pay 150 fils (900 fils per week) a day to know about the happenings around the world. It is also not true that the Urdu pages cover almost everything otherwise they would have printed the Arab Times in Urdu for the eyes of Mr Iqbal only. I believe one page is more than enough for Urdu and I suggest they use the other page for Hindi because there are many people who cannot read either English or Urdu but they can read Hindi. I am sure they would love to read Firoze Ran-goonwalla's articles which are published in English and Urdu. As most of the Indians and Pakistanis can read English what is the necessity for Urdu pages?

Arab Times employees work day and night in order to keep their readers satisfied. I think it is extremely important element as otherwise civil war and bloodshed were likely to ensue in Afghanistan that would, no doubt, discourage the refugees from returning. In this sense Pakistan wanted to avoid a mess in the future. Pakistan was, therefore, urging that there should be progress towards the establishment of an interim government.

The ambassador also conveyed that Pakistan had throughout been flexible in the Afghanistan negotiations rather than on any specific issue.

Syed Iqbal Hussain, Press and Cultural Attaché, Pakistan embassy.

## Remarks clarified

SIR: The news item entitled "Time ripe for Afghan settlement," does not accurately convey the gist of the Pakistani ambassador's remarks made during an interview with the Arab Times.

The interview was held primarily to discuss problems of the Pakistani community in Kuwait.

As the Afghan negotiations were mentioned in passing, it is best to clarify what the ambassador had actually conveyed.

Agreeing that the talks had entered into a crucial stage and emphasising that the return of five million Afghan refugees in safety and honour was a basic objective for Pakistan, the ambassador had underlined the importance of a broad-based interim government in Afghanistan.

Pakistan regarded this as an extremely important element as otherwise civil war and bloodshed were likely to ensue in Afghanistan that would, no doubt, discourage the refugees from returning. In this sense Pakistan wanted to avoid a mess in the future. Pakistan was, therefore, urging that there should be progress towards the establishment of an interim government.

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## Air-India regrets

SIR: This refers to a letter headlined "Unpardonable offence" written by A.T.Z. Ahmad (AT, March 10).

We assure Mr Ahmad that the intention of the advertisement was only to inform passengers about the flights available on our carrier to the sub-continent from Kuwait. The advertisement did not claim any direct flight to Dhaka and it clearly showed connecting flights to Dhaka by mentioning

two flight numbers.

Air-India is aware of the excellent relationship and close cooperation between Bangladesh and India as both nations are active members of SAARC.

We have discontinued the publication of the advertisement and we express our regret over the airline schedule if it has adversely affected the sentiments of any Bangladeshi citizen, whom we hold in high esteem.

G. Tharakan, Customer Relations Manager, Air-India, Kuwait.

## Pedestrian bridge

SIR: I would like to request the Kuwait government to build a pedestrian bridge on the Airport road, particularly at the intersection opposite the Holiday Inn Hotel. This is a busy road and it has become very dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road. Several accidents, resulting in deaths, have occurred on this road.

Prabhu Mendonca, Safat.

## At wrong places

SIR: This refers to recent reports on constructing new pedestrian bridges. The existing bridges are located at wrong places and do not cater to the needs of pedestrians. Not many people use the bridges which are merely ornamental, for example the ones located in Shaab and Istiqal Street. The bridges should have been located near the 2nd Ring Road intersection as most bachelors stay in the vicinity of the embassies and cross the street, endangering themselves and the motorists.

There is an urgent need to build a pedestrian crossing opposite the Safat Post Office, otherwise the post office should be shifted to another location.

T. K. Philip

Safat.

## Health hazard

SIR: A contractor had built a toilet in an open-area in Jabriya while constructing a residential block. The works has been completed but the toilet has not been removed by the contractor.

The toilet is now being used by labourers and passers-by, posing a health hazard. It has become a nuisance and a source of embarrassment to families living in the area, particularly in buildings overlooking the toilet.

Then open toilet could spread disease.

I urge the authorities to take appropriate action and get rid of this nuisance.

M. A.  
(Name and address supplied).

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## Hong Kong legislators want boat people barred

By Chris Peterson

HONG KONG, (Reuter): Hong Kong's policy on Vietnamese refugees is coming under pressure from a group of legislators who want to stop the continuing flow of "boat people" from across the South China Sea.

Thirteen years after Saigon fell to the victorious North Vietnamese Army, refugees are still undertaking the hazardous journey by sea, arriving in the British colony at the rate of around 300 a month.

A number of Hong Kong legislators want the colony to change its policy of being a place of first asylum, which they say encourages refugees to come here knowing they will not be sent back to Vietnam without their consent.

Rita Fan, chairman of Hong Kong's legislative council ad hoc committee on refugees, said: "After years of this policy, the problem is still with us, there is no solution in sight."

"We should tell them that they either stay here awaiting repatriation back to Vietnam, or they have a choice of continuing with food and water," she added.

### Crowded

According to government figures, 9,700 Vietnamese refugees are crowded into five camps, with arrivals outstripping the relatively small number of departures for resettlement.

Nigel French, the senior civil servant in charge of the government's refugee policy, insists that the question of first asylum is basically a moral issue, not a legal one, and Hong Kong has no plans to change it.

"The policy of first asylum is based on humanitarian considerations, coming from international conventions, understandings, and agreements. It is

### Killers turn vigilantes

## Fighting fire with fire in Punjab

By Adam Kellher

AMRITSAR, India, (UPI): Santokh Singh, self-confessed killer of more than 50 people and former bomber and robber, relaxed on a chair in a police station, cradling a submachine gun, a revolver protruding from a cartridge belt encircling his belly.

"I shook hands with the police and they gave me shelter to take revenge," explained Singh, a stocky, bearded 29-year-old. "If we can gun down about 200 main killers, we will be able to flush out terrorism in the region."

Singh was confirming what up until now has been only speculation — that officials in India's Punjab state have recruited former Sikhs extremists to fight those still waging a bloody campaign for an independent Sikh nation of "Khalistan."

Singh, who said he decided to cooperate with the police after his brother was tortured and murdered by extremists, admitted playing a role in the killings of at least 25 militants to date.

But even if conventional military balance were achieved Galvin does not believe Nato should dispense with nuclear arms.

"We don't think that even when we have a parity in conventional forces, that we would have a strong enough deterrent for war ... it is still the nuclear forces that provide the deterrent for war," Galvin said.

He also stresses that Nato's existing nuclear stockpile will have to be reshuffled to take account of the INF Treaty.

undertaken with the knowledge of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government, which assumed control of Punjab last May, but remains totally frustrated in crushing the extremists by conventional means.

Militants still openly operate from the Golden Temple of Amritsar. Police cannot enter Sikhdom's holiest shrine without reviving memories of the June 1984 Army assault on the shrine that left more than 600 Sikhs dead and led to the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

By using 50 former militants comprising the "Panthic Tiger Force" and the "Khalsa Commando Force," authorities hope to shatter the estimated 300 "hardcore" radicals, blamed for more than 1,500 murders in the past 14 months.

Most Panthic Tiger Force members are veteran cop killers, yet they are warmly accepted by security personnel when they wander through police stations brandishing weapons.

They possess certificates granting them the same powers as paramilitary troops. They are even allowed to steal cars if they return the vehicles within 10 days.

**Admits**

"The police supply us with money, ammunition and vehicles," said Singh, who admits killing more than 50 civilians and masterminding a bombing campaign in New Delhi while on the other side of the law.

"When we break the law, we tell a higher authority so police do not register the case," he

chuckled. "It is a mutual understanding."

Officially, authorities deny the vigilantes' existence, but endorse the idea of fighting terrorism with terror.

"If you decide as a civilian to fight against an extremist, I think it is proper for us to help you," Amritsar district police chief Mohammad Izhar Alam said, while five vigilantes waited outside his heavily guarded office for an appointment.

"We are trying to find a group of people who are willing to fight the extremists," conceded Alam.

One police official said the vigilantes were "the brainwork of a group of local officials," and began shortly after Rajiv dismissed Punjab's moderate Sikh government in May for failing to tackle the extremists.

The anti-militants' zeal to eradicate their former comrades may be sparked more by personal vendetta than a desire for bettering society. But most observers agree their use has blunted the extremists' ability to strike at will.

"The government is successful in this case," said a senior member of a pro-Khalistan student group. "They have created many hurdles for the militants."

The vigilantes have their own informers within the Golden Temple. They identify many separatists by stationing themselves at roadblocks in vehicles with dark-tinted windows.

As a result, police say, the extremists have generally abandoned daytime actions and operate more at night.



## ENTERTAINMENT

Top stars absent from commemorative functions

# Half-hearted tributes to Kishore, Smita

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

WHEN the film people come out in aid of a good cause, they often do it in such a twisted way that the purpose gets defeated and the industry gets a bad name. It is a pity that stars do this while ostensibly paying homage to those in their own field who have passed away.

A recent example was the annual "Hope" show dedicated this time to the late Kishore Kumar. Almost every popular hero owes a debt to the singer for achieving public rapport through his magical playback voice. Yet, how many actually

turned up to help the show? Hardly a few. In fact the major complaint against the show was the absence of major stars, while the public had paid fabulous prices to buy the tickets. It is a blessing that they did not create any trouble. They kept expecting the stars to turn up till the very end, as Amitabh had appeared at the climax of the "Hope '86" show. But suddenly the whole thing was over.

The only gesture which showed that the programme was in the memory of Kishore Kumar, was when his widow Leena Chandravarkar, lit the inaugural lamp, and his son Amit Kumar sang his father's

songs. Apart from that there was only one hero who full-heartedly praised Kishore and that was Rajesh Khanna. He had obtained his star-status with the Aradhana songs and at the show he lamented, "It is as if I have lost my voice."

Rajesh also called R D Burman on the stage. Once again, some of the best songs of Rahul as well as that of his late father Sachin Dev Burman had been sung by Kishore. Thus R D's presence was apt. He called up Amit Kumar, saying that despite the cruelty of death the show must go on. The audience was asked to observe a half-minute's silence. Then Amit sang

*Jeevan Ke Safar mein rahi, milte hain bichhad jaane ko* and set the show rolling.

But where were Ashok and Anoop Kumar? Couldn't they be present to pay tribute to their own brother. Moreover, not a word was said about Smita Patil, who had died one year ago, exactly a day after the "Hope" show, where she had sent her husband Raj Babbar to take part, telling him not to worry about her. A few words of praise about Smita would have been kind on her death anniversary. But Babbar was also not present at the show.

Another sad aspect was that Kishore's co-singers Lata and

Asha, who have sung countless songs with him over four decades, refused to attend the show. Similarly, most other important stars and composers were absent. It seems that the attendance of film folks is dictated only by the commercial rates they demand, whatever the occasion. So "Hope" of the year turned into a hopeless show, with only a few big names.

Fortunately Dilip Kumar came to grace the show and compose some items. But not Dev Anand, whose earlier youthful roles were all adorned by some of Kishore's best songs. From the stars Rajesh was supported only by Jeetendra and Rajeev Kapoor, Mandakini and Sonam. And there were the villainous "strong character actors" like Amjad Khan, Amrish Puri, Prem Chopra, Shakti Kapoor and Anupam Kher. Among composers, there were Kalyanji-Anandji, Ravindra Jain and Bappi Lahiri with his little daughter Reema who is being promoted as a singer.

## Second grade

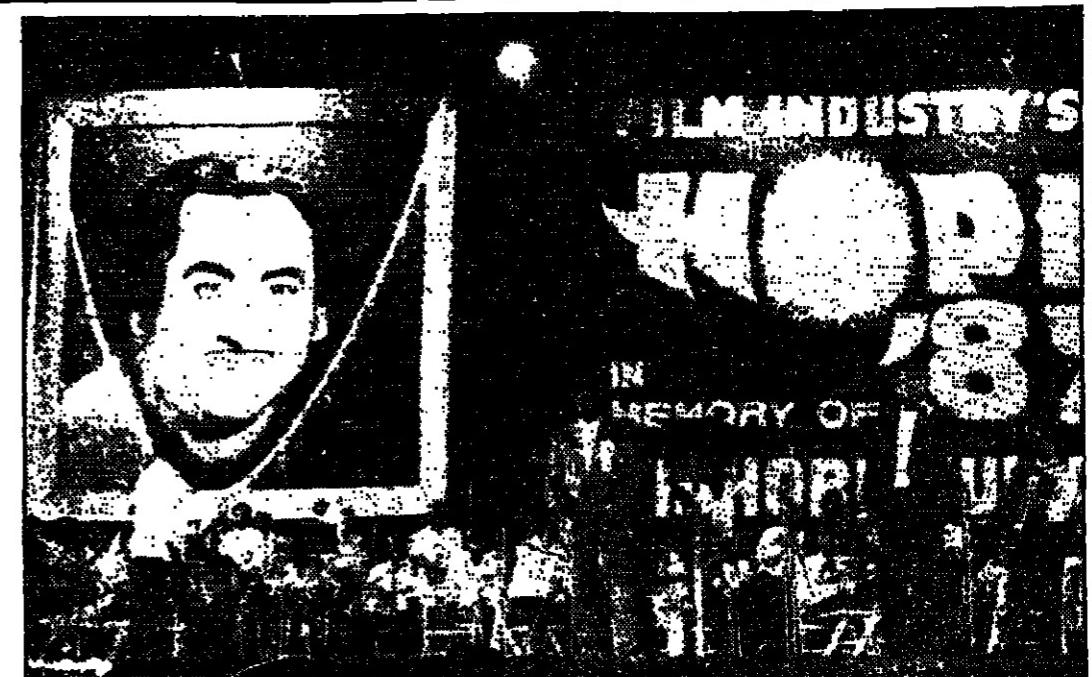
All other singers were of the second grade, like Manhar, Jayshri, Sadhu Sargam, Hemlata, Sonali, Sampa Mukherjee and a boring Mahendra Kapoor. Instead of conducting the music, Bappi Lahiri obstinately kept singing in his own weird voice. His personal memories of Kishore Kumar were not appreciated by the audience. There were some cheap jokes, like Shakti Kapoor repeating his gags as Inspector Bhende from *Insaaf*. Deven Verma introduced Prem Chopra as the man who had raped three thousand women.

The story centres around a cremation ground where a nubile girl, not yet a major, is being married off to a doddering old man who has one leg in the pyre. Quite dramatically, the nuptial and funeral rites run almost parallel. An acid-toned chandaal revolts against this barbaric act. His tirade against the practitioners of the ritual is corrosive enough to burn holes in your seat.

The girl vacillates between succumbing to all-pervasive societal pressures (which even condition her mind to a large extent) and her natural fear of fire and burning herself to death. The chandaal gets hysterical, he strongly urges her to run away. As the girl sits undecided beside her husband's pyre on the bank of the river, a huge wave washes away the husband's corpse. Instinctively, the girl jumps into the raging waters to rescue the body, but in vain. When Jashobati herself realises the danger she is in, it's too late. She cries out to the chandaal for help, he shouts that she should hold on to a wooden frame he has thrown in her direction. Before he can pull her ashore, however, she is swept away.

With the censors' attitude being what it is, one wonders what will be the fate of Aparna Sen's film (also by NFDC). Not just titled sati, it actually shows Shabana Azmi going up in flames.

Courtesy: Filmfare



The film industry pays tribute to Kishore Kumar.

It was in bad taste considering the occasion. The Ram Teri dance by Mandakini and Rajeev Kapoor has now become backneyed. Alisha Cheno, Juhi Chawla and Kalpana Iyer also performed poorly.

Rajesh Khanna played up the old Jai Shiv Shankar songs as an indirect publicity for his own coming film. Often, the audience would get bored and boo many actors and singers, including Jeetendra. The shouts to call Amitabh proved futile as he was just not there. Amjad Khan who was also on the organising side winded up the show by confession that it was not such a good programme and he regretted that the big stars did not turn up.

Since the "Hope" show is now going to be an annual feature every year-end, it's better if the industry plans it in future. On this occasion Yash Chopra was entrusted with managing the whole affair, and

he in turn gave it over to Pride India, which had it sponsored by the Bush company. The industry was given twenty lakh rupees as total cost and nobody knows what profits the others made. They did not offer enough incentive to catch the big stars. And sadly Kishore's memory was not enough to bring them. In any case, the workers of the industry for whose benefit the shows are held, have not gained anything from all these lakhs of rupees.

This has led to in-fighting with everyone wanting a big slice of the cake in advance. In fact, Raj Babbar is reported to have stayed away because he wanted the whole limelight by putting the show in Smita's name.

Another function supposedly paying homage to Smita Patil was badly messed up. It was an anniversary/conference meeting with Babbar as well as Smita's parents in the lime-light. The occasion was used to play up photos of Smita's little son Pratik in the magazines. Actually it was to be his first birthday celebration. But luckily good sense prevailed and the fact that Smita had died only a year ago ensured that a homage was first priority over any festivity.

Among those who came to the crowded hall were stars like Poonam, Rohini, Akbar Khan, Shammi Kapoor and Mohan Choti but none of the big heroes. Of the producers, there were Shyam Benegal, Prakash Mehra, B R Chopra and some others. The organisation was pathetic. The programme began with a group wearing odd red outfits, as if they were singing a qawwali and not devotional songs. A special song composed for Smita was also sung.

## Weep

Some speakers including politicians pretended to weep on the stage. Babbar had a soulful expression throughout. But he constantly referred to her as "Smitaji" and never as his wife. Mrs Babbar, Producers did not know what to say on the stage. Some organisation at once set up a Pratik Foundation and declared an acting award every year in memory of Smita. The biggest blunder was made by a flashily dressed Poonam. After speaking a little on Smita, she suddenly began praising B R Chopra and Prakash Mehra, as those who had turned Amitabh into a star. Perhaps, Poonam was advancing her own career using Smita as an excuse.



Raj Babbar remembers his wife Smita on her first death anniversary.



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## Behind the Screen

Film people have no long-lasting attachments. Actor Ranjeet used to say that he was terribly fond of *Kis Ke Liye* as the title and theme of his own film, starring Vinod Khanna, Farha, Kimi. But since distributors did not like it he has promptly changed the name to *Karnama*.

Producer Tahir Hussain's son Asim Khan has been made a hero. Tahir's brother Nasir Hussain's son Mansoor Khan has been turned into a director. Both get their chance in *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* made by the Hussain brothers. The film even carries a symbolic song: *Papa Kahate hain baada naam karega*. As some unsuccessful young actors say: "Fathers are any day better than godfathers."

A famous character actor charged ten thousand rupees to a producer without doing a single scene for the film. That was the price for just his photo to appear on the wall throughout the film. Could he not have given it free? The actor says: "Though it is a dumb image on the wall, it is an important character in the whole story."

Raakesh Roshan's decision to go bald on the head has led to much speculation. Is he trying to be like his brother, composer Rajesh Roshan? No. Does he want to show that he no longer wants to be a wig-wearing actor but a tough director? No again. The acting itch has not died. He wants to become a top villain on the lines of baldies Amrish Puri and Anupam Kher.

Jaya Bachchan as story writer of *Shahenshah* was clearly an after-thought. It had never been declared as said before. But there were so many rumours that the story was a copy of *Death Wish* that a



Raakesh Roshan: cultivating a tough image

producers began to make a frantic search for a story writer. Jaya was not even given time to agree on lending her name. The super star himself thought that her name would lend respectability to the show. But since it backfired, people are asking: Is this what Jaya has been doing sitting in her lovely Swiss apartment?

Raj Babbar is being blamed for many things. One is his statement that it is better to work in films from Madras rather than Bombay, as work there is fast and money is prompt. But the Bombay producers say that Babbar is talking like this because he has no films here. He is not being signed as he speaks his dialogue slowly and haltingly. Can it be because he cannot remember his lines?

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## HUMOUR



By Keith Wells

I CALLED my friend Wizr the other day.

"Hello," said this sexy voice, "Mr Wizr's secretary speaking, can I help you?"

"Yes. This is Mr Keith, I'd like to speak to Wizr please."

"One moment, I'll just see if he's in," she said, then the phone played Beethoven's 9th symphony (in full) before Wizr came on the line.

"Hi Mr Keith, how's things?"

"Fine, Wizr, where are you?"

"I'm in my car, on the Third Ring road."

"In the car? But who answered?"

"That's Fluzi, my secretary,

she works the telephone exchange as well, hang on Mr Keith, I've got a call on another line, please hold."

Beethoven came back for a few moments, before Wizr's voice said, "Sorry Mr Keith, very important call, the guy in the Nissan Skyline just ahead of me called to tell me the traffic light had changed to green. Hang on, I've just got to call the guy behind me and let him know the news."

Beethoven's encore came on again, then Wizr said, "Mr Keith, can I call you back, there's fifteen cars all behind me, so I've got lots of calls to make, Bye!"

He hung up. The next day I went to see him, and there he was sitting in the front seat of his car, with Fluzi working the switchboard in the back seat.

"I'm just going to call my friend Ali," Wizr said. "He drives a Por-

## Wizr phone

After a long absence, Wizr, king of the road returns to the local scene

he's going." He dialled the number, listened for a few minutes, gave his own number, then hung up.

"He's not answering," said Wizr, "I got through to his answering machine, he must be chatting up his girlfriend on the other line."

"You mean people have answering machines on their car telephones?" I asked.

"Sure," said Wizr, swerving neatly so as not to miss a rash pedestrian, who ended up with a bit more than a rash as a result.

"It's very important to have answer machine if you're busy on another line, or maybe not in the car because you have to go into office to get mail. Big problem in Kuwait, they don't deliver mail to the car yet, is very difficult for us."

"But how could they deliver mail to your car, they wouldn't know where you were?"

"Don't be silly, Mr Keith, of course they know, just call us on the telephone, I don't think DHL is even trying to solve this problem." The phone rang, Fluzi answered it, then put the call through to Wizr who listened for a few moments then had a rapid conversation in Arabic before hanging up.

"Who, Fatima?" I asked. "No, her car, she has red Jaguar, very fast, 4.2 litre engine, electronic fuel injection, double overhead cam shaft, three PABX switchboard, and two answer machines. Beautiful."

I didn't know what to say, particularly since a stubborn pedestrian we'd picked up somewhere insisted on clutching hold of the front bonnet and was refusing to let go, until Wizr shook him off against a lamp-post, dialling an overseas call at the same time.

"Hello, is that Riyadh 765 4321?"

"Hello baby, this is Wizr from Kuwait. How you doing? 140 kph! That's marvellous, I'm only 120, how are things? Is there much traffic on the road?"

By the time he'd finished we knew everything about traffic conditions in the Saudi capital. I tried to suggest that perhaps this was a bit of a waste of time and money, but Wizr would have none of it.

"Nonsense Mr Keith," he said. "Is modern technology. You have to keep up with the times, yes?"

Then the other phone went and Wizr picked it up, and roared on down the road talking into two phones, steering with his knees and changing gears with his elbow while chatting up two girls at once. I was very impressed. We had a few knocks and bumps of course, but Wizr managed to carry on juggling both phones, and both conversations without missing a beat.

"You know what I really need in this car?" he said afterwards. "A television. It's too boring to drive with nothing to look at."

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ch and I must know how fast

### The Art Buchwald Column

## Tough school

"Lousy." Then it's your turn to zero in on him and say, "You didn't say that in Des Moines during the debate. In Des Moines you said, and I quote, 'I'm sick of the Panama Canal.' Now which is it — lousy or sick? And then he replies, 'Some days I feel lousy about the canal and other days I feel sick about it.'

"Either way, you've got him," I said.

"Sometimes I'll get a long-winded candidate who wants to talk about the deficit when I want to talk about his wife's charge account at Lord and Taylor. As soon as he brings up the deficit I warn him he only has 10 seconds to explain it and then we're going to a commercial. This usually gets him so nervous he forgets what he was talking about."

"That is tough."

"TV was not invented for explaining deficits. My job is to give the programme a flow. That's why my questions are never too



profound. I'm thinking of the little guy sitting in his lounger drinking a wine cooler who couldn't care less who starts World War III. He wants to know if the next man in the White House is going to stop the planes flying over his house."

"Who are your best guests?"

"I like to book TV evangelicals on the show. They are really good because they come up with stuff no one else dreams of. They know about Soviet missiles in Cuba, hostages in Lebanon and Jimmy Swaggart's battle with the devil in New Orleans. The audiences eat it up."

"So you never shut one of them off?"

"Not as long as he has a beer barrel rolling around in his head. You have to understand what tough television is all about. It first started with Ted Koppel, who told his guests he didn't understand what they were talking about."

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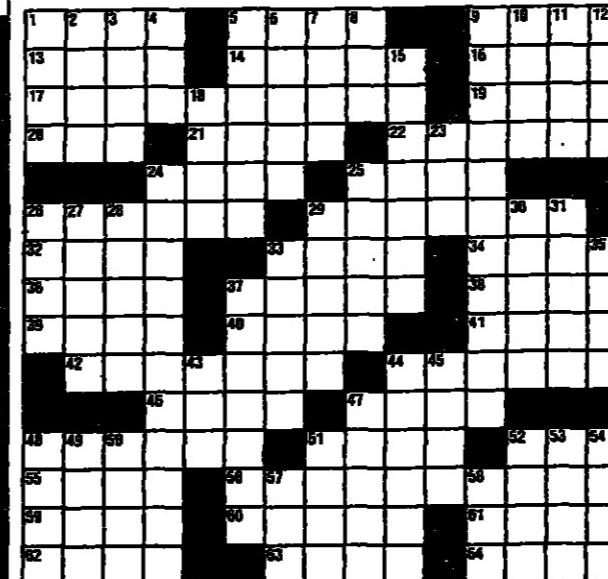
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By Smith

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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**Dear Junior Readers,**

It has been a busy week for you at school, and I'm sure you are looking forward to a relaxing weekend. Weekends are a good time to refresh yourself after a week of studying. It is fun to sleep in, have a leisurely breakfast and enjoy some sports with friends without thinking about school. If you have done your homework on Wednesday night, you have the rest of the weekend free to do the things that you don't seem to have time for during the week. Have a good weekend.

Aunt Barbara

**Happy birthday**

Zohreh Patel celebrates his 4th birthday on Friday, March 18. Best wishes, Zohreh, from your family and friends.



Dick! Jane! What are you doing with the spot remover?

**Schools in the news**

Universal American School celebrates Ethnic Day with a number of booths displaying items characteristic of various countries.



Gulf English School juniors enjoy Sports Day at Yarmouk stadium yesterday.

**Magic tricks****The double envelope**

**The illusion:** On a piece of paper you write the words: "One dollar" or "Happy Birthday" or (shall we say) "The 3 of Hearts." Seal it in an otherwise empty envelope. When the envelope is cut open, you reach in and pull out an actual one-dollar bill, a birthday card, or the 3 of Hearts itself!

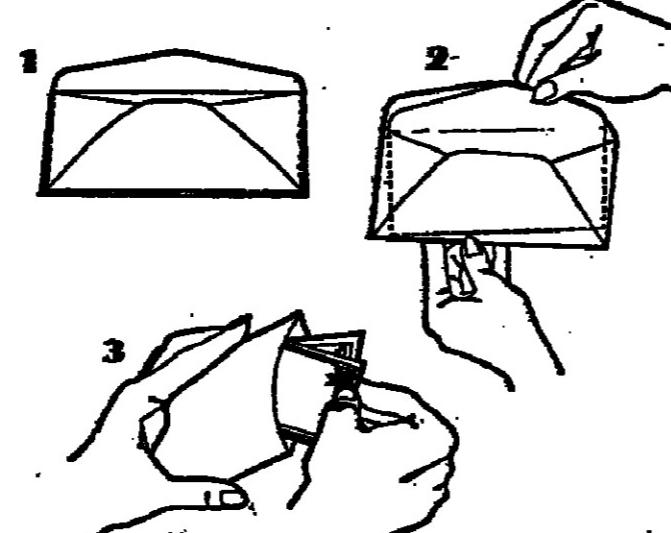
**The preparation:**

Take two identical envelopes and set one aside. Hold the second one so you're looking at the flap-side. On the bottom edge make a small mark about  $1/32$ " from each side. With a razor blade cut on a straight line, at a slight angle, from each mark to the crease of the flap at each end of the envelope. Now cut  $1/32$ " off the bottom of the envelope (1). Discard the back of the envelope and carefully slide the face-and-flap piece inside your second envelope (2). Open the envelope itself, run a thin line of glue, about  $1/4$ " wide, inside the right end. Slide the dollar bill (or card) down between the two flaps, lick the glue on the flap of the real envelope and stick it to the flap of the insert. Now close both flaps together and set the envelope under a book until the glues have dried.

As a precaution, seal shut a third, identical envelope, cut off  $1/8$ " of the right end, and conceal this envelope in your pocket, purse, or a drawer.

**The trick:**

Write whatever you wish on a piece of paper, drop the paper into the envelope, showing the empty interior as you do so, and seal the envelope shut. Tap the envelope with a pair of scissors. Cut off  $1/8$ " from the right end (the end where you put the line of glue) and open the end of the envelope. Because of the glue, only one of the two compartments will open — the one containing whatever you had previously put in it. (3) Reach in, pull out the object, and give it to someone. Casually put the envelope in your pocket or purse, and go on to another trick. In case your audience asks to see the envelope, give them the unprepared one, but if they don't ask, don't offer!

**How Big-Mouth wrestled the giant**

ONCE there were three brothers. The oldest brother was Big-Arm. He was known for his strength. The youngest brother was Big-Heart. He was known for his kindness. But the middle brother was known for his bragging tongue. And everyone called him Big-Mouth.

Whenver that bragging middle brother, Big-Mouth, told about anything he saw, it became the biggest (or the smallest), the ugliest (or the prettiest), the best (or the worst) ever. Every April shower was a cloudburst. Every hill was a mountain. Every milkmaid was a princess. Every spider was a tarantula.

Every pony was a stallion (and wild, at that).

And Big-Mouth himself was the bravest, cleverest young man in the whole countryside — according to Big-Mouth.

And oh, the stories Big-Mouth told — not only of the things he had done yesterday or a week ago Tuesday, but of the things he was going to do tomorrow, or next week, or whenever he had the chance!

Some day, Big-Mouth said, he would capture a unicorn and bring it back alive. Of course nobody in the village had ever seen a unicorn. Several people said there was no such thing. But Big-Mouth said, "Well, if there is a unicorn, I will get him. Wait and see!"

Some day, Big-Mouth said, he would travel to Mountain of Gold and bring home enough treasure to make everyone

wouldn't want to meet him, at any rate. Even a middling giant is still a giant, after all.

Of course it happened that Big-Mouth had to go through the Wrestling Wood one day. If he hadn't had to go, there'd be no story.

And of course he met the giant. If he hadn't met him, the story wouldn't be worth telling. What use is a giant story in which nobody meets the giant?

Still, nobody had met this giant for a long time. He was supposed to stay in the woods and wrestle whoever came through — it was his job.

But whenever he was sitting on the east side of the wood, people kept going through on the west side.

"If I meet the giant," he said, "I'll wrestle him. I will. If there is a giant, that is."



And whenever people passed through the east side of the wood, the giant would be sitting on the west side, twiddling his thumbs and becoming more unpleasant by the hour. He had even taken to wrestling trees, and had laid quite a number of them flat on the ground around him.

Now along came Big-Mouth through the Wrestling Wood, thumping as he came. For Big-Mouth's tongue was not only bragging, it was also never still. No matter what happened to him, his tongue kept right on wagging. And the braggart kept right on spilling out. He simply could not shut up.

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"Halt!" said the giant.

"Of course you can't believe everything you hear," said Big-Mouth.

"Some people make up the silliest stories about giants and dragons and —"

"HALT!" cried the giant.

Big-Mouth took one look and jumped into the pile of uprooted trees that lay at the side of the path.

"Oh, afraid, are you?" roared the giant.

"Afraid?" cried Big-Mouth. "I should say not! I'm — I'm — I'm just hunting for the biggest tree to hit my shirt-tail."

This was almost too much. With a bellow of rage, the giant held Big-Mouth up right in front of his ugly face.

"Well, in that case," he roared, "tell me why your teeth are chattering. Just tell me that!"

With such a close view of the giant's teeth, poor Big-Mouth nearly fainted dead away. But nothing, not even that, could stop his bragging tongue.

"My teeth aren't chattering!" he cried. "I'm — I'm sh-sh-sharpening them to b-bit of your n-n-nose!"

And at that the giant clapped his hand over his nose, dropped Big-Mouth to the ground and ran away deep into the woods. He was never heard from again.

But in case you think this shows that bragging is a good idea, let me tell you the rest.

When Big-Mouth returned home, nobody in the whole village believed him — not even his brother Big-Heart, although he was kind enough to tell me the word.

"I'm — not sweating," he said. "I'm g-g-greasing myself — so you won't be

able to hang on to me!"

The giant almost lost him at that, for he was slippery. "Well then," snarled the giant tightening his grip, "why are your eyes bulging like that? Any minute now and you're going to beg me to let go so you can breathe again!"

"Oh no I won't!" squeaked Big-Mouth with what little breath he had.

"My eyes are bulging because I'm — I'm looking around for a g-g-good p-p-place to throw you!"

"Afraid?" roared Big-Mouth. "I should say not! I'm — I'm just hunting for the biggest tree to hit my shirt-tail."

"The giant blinked his eyes. What kind of fellow was this, anyway? He reached in and dragged Big-Mouth out into the open by his shirt-tail."

"Let's wrestle!" bell-owed the giant.

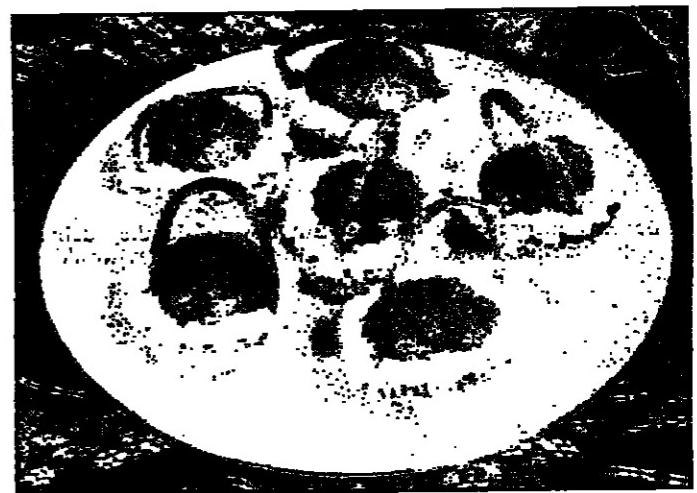
Poor Big-Mouth! Struggling in the giant's grasp, he began to sweat. His eyes began to bulge, and his teeth chattered with fright. He opened his mouth. Was he going to yell for help?

"You — you'd better watch out, you!" he said.

"Watch out?" roared the giant. "Why, look at you, you are so frightened you're covered with sweat! Any minute now and you'll be begging for mercy!"

There was nothing Big-Mouth wanted more than mercy. But alas, his bragging tongue just wouldn't say the word.

"I'm — not sweating," he said. "I'm g-g-greasing myself — so you won't be

**Let's cook**

glaze and place one on top of each cake. Pipe cream round the edge of each cake. Serve.

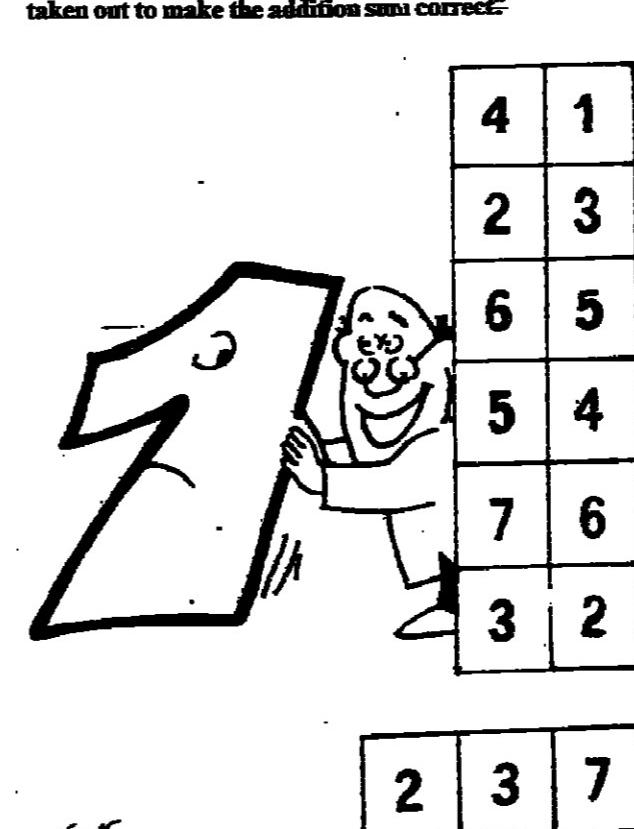
**Seven Sees**

Can you find a route from A to B, only passing through adjacent squares which are multiples of 7?

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**Mind jogger**

Which two-figure number in a horizontal row must be taken out to make the addition sum correct?



## 'Isles of perpetual June'

# A hot idea in sunny vacations: the Bahamas

### The Bahamas, island by island

THE dazzling emerald islands of the Bahamas — with their turquoise seas and white sand beaches, their secluded seaside cottages and glamorous resort palaces, their easy-going yet elegant vacation lifestyle — are indeed America's South Sea Islands.

The Bahamas are also an international shopping — those who want to dive among brilliant living reefs, golf on 18-hole championship courses, or gamble day and night in glittering casinos. All of this, plus their proximity to the United States, make the Bahamas Islands the most popular destination in the Caribbean area.

Vacation options in the Bahamas range from the historic charm of Nassau, the glitter and excitement of Paradise Island or the resort and sporting atmosphere of Grand Bahama Island to any one of the more removed Family Islands — over a dozen Out Islands and countless cays each with few small settlements, empty beaches, and unsurpassed fishing, diving, yachting, and more.

There are three distinct vacation worlds to explore among the islands of the Bahamas, each different and appealing. The best known and most popular is Nassau and Paradise Island, which combines the colonial charm and historic landmarks of the centuries-old capital city of Nassau with the excitement and sophistication of world-famous resorts and casinos on Paradise Island and along beautiful Cable Beach, just minutes away.

The second world of Bahamas vacations is Grand Bahama Island, with the newly developed resort centres of Freeport and suburban Lucaya, which offer a country-club vacation lifestyle with half a dozen superb 18-hole championship golf courses; UNEXS, an internationally famous scuba-diving school; elegant hotels and casinos that rival the best of Nassau and Paradise Island; miles of beautiful beaches; and round-the-world bargains in the colourful International Bazaar.

The third world of vacation pleasures offered in the Bahamas is officially called the Family Islands. They encompass all the other islands in the Bahamas chain, and have been known to generations of visitors and Bahamians as the Out Islands ... "out from the glamour of Nassau and Freeport, but every much 'in' with sophisticated travellers. The Family Islands are favourite holiday hideaway havens for international celebrities, the wealthy, the titled and the famous, and a mecca for serious yachtsmen, fishermen and divers.

There are more than twenty lovely Family Islands to choose from, some large and some small, some just fifty to one hundred miles off Florida's shores, others more than 350 miles from the capital city of Nassau. Whichever island you choose, you'll find the Family Island "trademarks" — endless, nearly empty beaches to

The seven hundred emerald gems in the island chain known as the Bahamas are bordered by powder-soft, white-sand beaches; lined with whispering casuarinas and swaying palms; and fringed by living coral reefs. They stretch in a long, languid arc from Florida to the Caribbean Sea, surrounded by a palette of blue and green waters of unbelievable clarity and indescribable beauty. An astronaut soaring more than a hundred miles above them said they were 'like nothing else on earth ... a ribbon of turquoise lost in the midnight blue of the world's oceans.'

roam, crystal-clear waters to swim and snorkel, colourful coral reefs to dive, fine fishing and good sailing, with a relaxed, uncomplicated lifestyle ideal for "getting away from it all."

IN the Bahamas there are just two seasons. Winter season is the high season, when hotel rates, airfares, and charter packages are at their peak. The winter season begins in mid-December, usually a week before Christmas, and extends through April or the week after Easter. The second season is known as Goombay Summer in the Bahamas, and it lasts all of the rest of the year from the week after Easter to mid-December.

Winter season attracts many wealthy visitors from around the world. It also attracts hundreds of thousands of ordinary Americans and Canadians eager to escape the freezing cold and blizzards of northern climes. The weather in winter months is almost ideal, ranging from 70 to 80 degrees F., with a sea temperature of 70-75 degrees, some seven hours of bright sunshine daily, and almost no rain. However, an occasional "Norther" can move in, usually the last vestiges of a severe winter blizzard in the north, and skies can cloud over for a day or two and temperatures drop into the low 50s.

During the winter season vacation lifestyles tend to be slightly more formal than during the summer. There are gala charity balls, local theatre productions, and name entertainers at famous nightclubs. Most of the fine restaurants, lounges, casinos, and nightclubs require a jacket and tie for men, and women usually dress in long skirts, cocktail dresses, or elegant pantsuits. Rarely, however, are evening gowns and black tie appropriate.

In general, during winter season, hotels and resorts enjoy the highest occupancy levels of the year, and prices are somewhat higher across the board for everything from restaurant meals to city tours, from greens fees to shopping bargains. Book well in advance for airline tickets and your first choice of hotel or resort, particularly at the peak periods: the week between Christmas and New Year's and Easter week.

Goombay Summer is the season of low prices and high spirits in the Bahamas. It lasts for eight months, from just after Easter to just before Christmas, and rates for everything are the lowest of the year, usually 20 to 30 per cent, sometimes as much as 50 per cent lower. Yet, paradoxically,

it may be the most fun and most interesting time of the year to visit the Bahamas. The Goombay Summer calendar is filled with exciting social, and sporting events such as golf, tennis, and fishing tournaments, and the islands are a riot of colour with tropical flowers and magnificent foliage in full bloom.

THE Bahamas offer an exceptionally broad range of visitor accommodations to fit almost any vacation lifestyle and budget. There are more than 180 guest houses, hotels, resorts, and apartment or cottage complexes, offering over 13,000 rooms for vacation rentals on some 20 islands throughout the Bahaman archipelago. Most types of vacation accommodations are included in this wide range, with the exception of campgrounds, as camping is illegal anywhere in the Bahamas.

Most of the high-rise luxury ocean-side resorts, which offer round-the-clock activities, casinos, gourmet dining, elaborate theatre revues and a broad spectrum of sports activities including tennis and golf, are located in the resort centres of Nassau, Cable Beach, and Paradise Island on New Providence, and Freeport/Lucaya on Grand Bahama Island. But both of these islands also offer simple seaside cottages; attractive and modern apartments, townhouses, and villas for self-catering vacations; small, modest hotels with 100 rooms or less offering personalised service and informal atmosphere; charming inns with a dozen rooms or less, some in well-preserved historic homes; and sports enclaves, large and small, that cater to golf tennis, and diving enthusiasts.

On these islands, the range of accommodations is matched by the range of rates. Even the most luxurious international resorts offer a broad range of rates within the hotel complex. Throughout the year, hotel and resort rates on Grand Bahama tend to be significantly lower for comparable accommodations than in Nassau, Cable Beach and Paradise Island on New Providence. In the Family Islands, there is almost as broad a range of vacation accommodations as in the resort capitals of Nassau and Freeport, with the exception of large high-rise resorts with casinos and other sophistications. Sports enclaves are particularly popular in the Family Islands. Bimini, Club Cay, and Walker's Cay are favourites of big game fishermen; scuba divers head for Andros, Harbour Island, Span-

Total: \$295

Grand Bahama — Freeport, Lucaya, West End

Standard, double room at a beach hotel — \$95

Breakfast at your hotel — \$15

Lunch at an inexpensive native restaurant — \$25

Three-course dinner at an expensive restaurant (without liquor) \$60

Room, meals, gratuities \$235

One day sight-seeing with taxi driver/tour guide or 24-hour car rental — \$60

Total: \$295

The Family Islands

Standard, double room at a beach hotel — \$90

Breakfast at your hotel — \$15

Lunch at an inexpensive native restaurant — \$15

Three-course dinner at an expensive restaurant (without liquor) \$50

Room, meals, gratuities \$195

One day sight-seeing with taxi driver/tour guide or 24-hour car rental — \$60

Total: \$255

Old-line clubs such as Mill Reef Club in Antigua and Lyford Cay Club in Nassau are still members-only places, with closely monitored gates. Entrance means rigorous admission policies, letters of recommendation, and annual membership fees.

Antigua's two-year-old St. James Club, cousin to the London and Paris clubs of the same name, is an authentic club that doesn't worry about members — yet. Fringed by two wide beaches, the lush facility accommodates more than 200 guests in long low villas unobtrusively tucked among 100 acres. This newest darling of the Caribbean features an array of water sports as well as a pool, five tennis courts, Texas quarter horses, and a gymnasium.

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Some deluxe vacation spots

ish Wells, the Exumas, Rum Cay, and Long Island. For golfers, there are luxurious country club resorts on Eleuthera at Cotton Bay and in the Abacos at Treasure Cay. Rates at Family Island resorts tend to be significantly lower than comparable accommodations in Nassau, with a few famed, world-class exceptions in the deluxe range.

Particularly good rates are offered throughout the Bahamas during the off-season, Goombay Summer, which stretches from just after Easter to right before Christmas, when rates can be anywhere from 20 to more than 40 per cent lower than in the high-season winter months.

HERE is a projected daily estimate (based on winter-or high-season rates) for two persons within each island grouping.

This daily rate includes a double room at a beach hotel, and three meals a day with tips, but does not include 6 per cent room tax/resort levy, service charges, or surcharges. In addition, there is the approximate rate for a one-day sight-seeing tour with a taxi driver/tour guide or 24-hour car rental. All prices in US dollars.

New Providence — Nassau, Cable Beach and Paradise Island — US \$

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One day sight-seeing with taxi driver/tour guide or 24-hour car rental — \$60

Total: \$230

For air travel to the Bahamas consult your local travel agent. Approximate fares are KD 350.

For further information you may write to the Bahamas Tourist Office, 10 Chesterfield Street, London WIX 8 AH.

Room, meals, gratuities \$170

One day sight-seeing with taxi driver/tour guide or 24-hour car rental — \$60

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The currency of the Bahamas is the BS, which is held on an exact par with the US dollar. Both currencies are used interchangeably throughout The Bahamas, and you can expect to receive change in either currency or both. The Bahamian dollar is divided into 1-, 5-, 10-, 25-, and 50-cent coins, and an unusual 15-cent coin. Other coins are \$1, \$2, and \$5, with special issues of larger denominations in gold and silver. Favourite coin souvenirs

are the scalloped-edge 10-cent piece, and the square-shaped 15-cent piece. Paper currency is issued in the same denominations as US currency, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, etc. In addition, there are two unusual paper bills, the 50-cent note and the \$3 note — both favourites of collectors. All paper currency is very colourful, and is a favourite souvenir.

Currency exchange is handled by banks in the Bahamas, although some hotels will convert limited amounts of certain foreign currency at relatively high commission rates. Bank conversion rates are lower.

## Join the club: no membership required

By Marion Laffey Fox

CELEBRITIES and the quietly rich have always relished the exclusivity of private clubs. Today countless hotels and resorts from Bermuda to Barbados are adopting the personalised, club-inspired, one-fee, no-hassle philosophy that has become one of the hottest ideas in warm-weather vacationing.

Without exception, these "clubs" boast dazzling sites and alluring names: Coral Beach Club, Ocean Club, and Paradise Beach Club. Some require memberships; others offer time-share arrangements. Many are simply resorts or cottage colonies that feel "clubby," with the same crowd vacationing at the same time each year.

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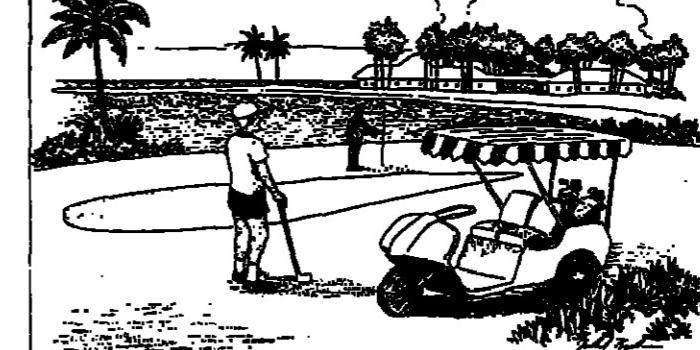
Windemere Island Club in the Bahamas. Its mystique is privacy and anonymity.

This raspberry sherbet-coloured house accented with thick white columns overlooks the sea.

The combination of house and gardens makes Hartford's former estate an unforgettable retreat.

From the pool and tennis courts, 12th-century arched French cloisters establish a Mediterranean dej vu.

In the main building, newly refurbished rooms and suites off the veranda face toward the



The Ocean Club in the Bahamas. Its mystique is privacy and anonymity.

beach and pool. Meals that emphasise fresh seafood and local produce, are served around the pool, in the cosy dining room, or arranged at one of 14 local restaurants.

Windemere Island Club is another ideal, yet very different, Bahamian hideaway.

The private island, a sandy sliver five miles long and a half-mile wide, lies 20 feet across a rustic bridge from the coast of Eleuthera. A pink beach the length of the island is Windemere's most charming asset.

Windemere's mystique is privacy and anonymity. Although many members and homeowners represent noble British families and American big business, guests soon realise that simplicity is the watchword.

The totally understated, weathered New England atmosphere includes two dining rooms, main sitting lounge, cupola-roofed library, cheerful rooms, suites, individually decorated villas, and apartments. When owners like Billy Baldwin and the Mountbatten clan are not in residence, the available rental list swells with splendid houses called Halycon House, Savannah, and Coriolan.

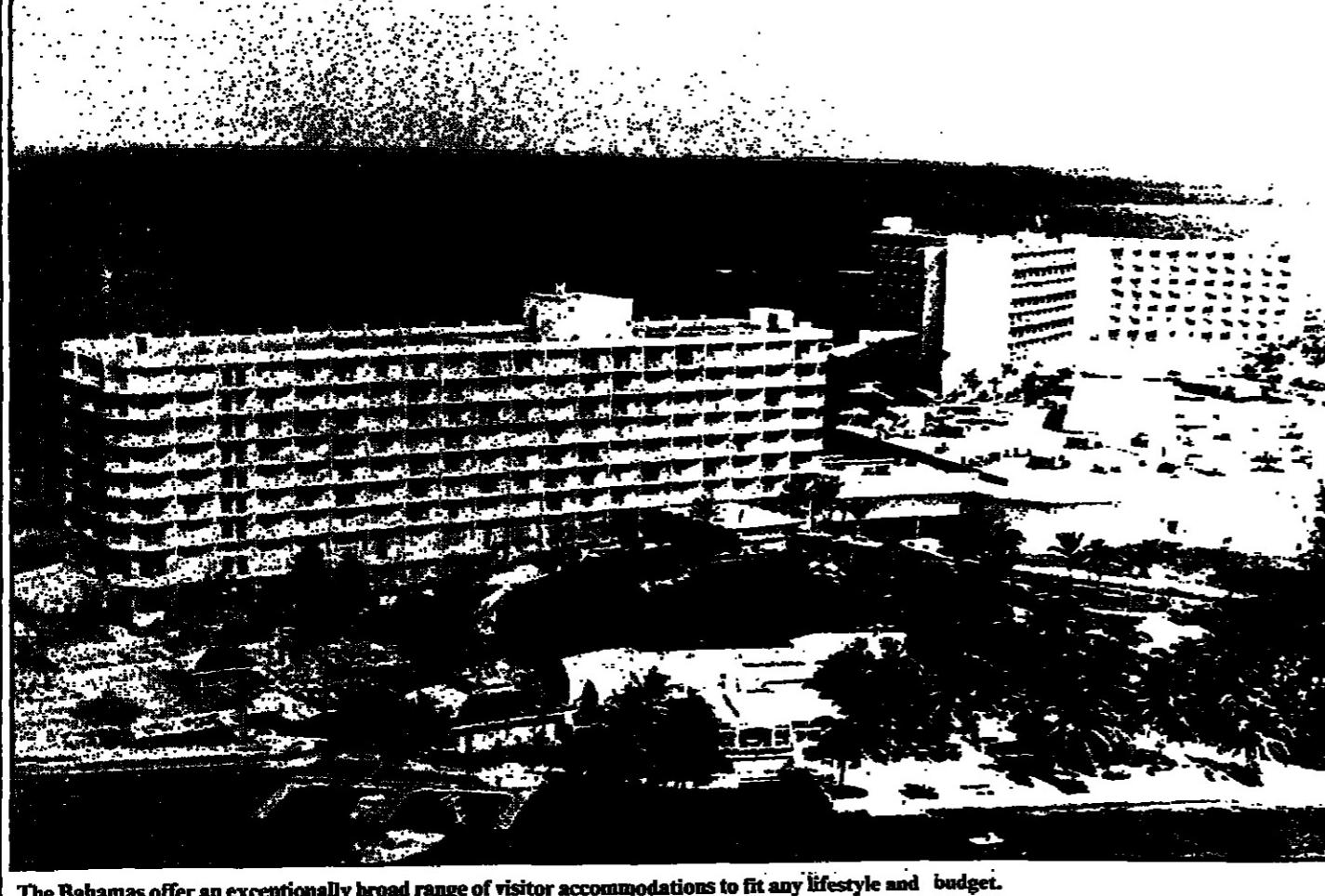
Windemere Island Club was founded in 1968 by Sir Harold G. Christie and entrepreneur Harold A. Ley. When it was recently acquired by American James Sherwood, owner of the Venice-Simpson Orient Express, guests quietly expected sweeping changes. But Sherwood insisted that, while necessary improvements should not be ignored, the uniqueness of Windemere be scrupulously maintained.

Delicately tinted chintz and linens lend a soft look to dining areas that were once dominated by drip-dry cloths and institutional-type tableware. Jeff Belhaire, the new executive chef, emphasizes local products with a new taste that borders on artistry.

In addition to Windemere and the Ocean Club, there's always Tryall Golf and Beach Club in Jamaica, Oyster Pond Yacht Club on St. Maarten, and the Meridian Club on Pine Cay.

Just remember to pack at least one club tie with your Bermuda shorts and blazer. You never know when you'll need just the right clothes.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Arab countries told to upgrade refineries

## Expert sees higher oil prices in 1990s

BAGHDAD, March 16. (Reuter): A leading Arab oil expert predicted today that world oil prices would hover in the \$15 to 20 a barrel range until 1990 and then climb sharply as Opec tightened its grip on the world oil market.

Robert Mabro of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies foresees an upturn in demand for oil produced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in the early 1990s, yielding their first real increase in vital oil revenues for a decade.

"With ups and downs, the price of oil will be maintained for a year or two, within the \$15-20 a barrel range which we saw in 1987," he told the third day of an Arab energy conference.

### Increases

"In 1990-91 until the mid-1990s we shall see increases in the nominal dollar price," he said.

But Mabro cautioned that Opec must not spoil its chances by fixing prices too high or producing too much oil. Either could trigger a repeat of the 1986 oil price collapse, he said.

Oil prices have fallen around \$4 a barrel below Opec's \$18 reference price since the start of

the year in part because of high stocks from Opec overproduction last year, Mabro said. Prices are now half 1985 levels.

The 13-nation group's share of world oil output shrank to 32 per cent in 1987 from 52 per cent in 1976 because of competition from non-Opec producers.

### Suffered

Oil prices and revenues have suffered, plunging Opec states into recession and forcing them to slash development spending and once-generous foreign aid.

Mabro said that in the face of declining market share, Opec had gradually shifted from a policy of trying to control prices to one of controlling output.

This reflects the weight within Opec of Gulf oil producers by Saudi Arabia, which favour defence of output levels before prices.

Mabro urged Opec to maintain such a policy, but frequently adjust output quotas to reflect demand instead of the current practice of fixing them for six months at a time.

At its last meeting last December, Opec set an output ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day (bpd) excluding Iraq with the

goal of holding oil prices at \$18 a barrel.

"We need an output-based policy with a price goal, but we must add to this an automatic way to adjust the quantity every month or two to ensure that the price goal is realised," he said.

Mabro saw demand for Opec oil rising to 22.5 million barrels per day (bpd) in 1991 and 26.5-27.5 million bpd in 1995 from 20.1 million bpd in 1987, assuming only moderate price rises.

A more pessimistic scenario based on higher Opec prices sees demand rising to 21.5 million bpd in 1991 and 24.4-24 million bpd in 1995.

Demand for Arab Opec oil would hit 16.7-17.6 million bpd in 1995 from output of 21.1 million bpd in 1987 under the optimistic scenario, and 12.7-14.7 million bpd under the pessimistic one.

The former could lead to a 40-45 per cent rise in the foreign exchange earnings of Arab Opec states in constant dollars between now and 1995, Mabro said.

Meanwhile, Opec's acting secretary general Fahdil Chalabi foresees a sustained period of price uncertainty in the world oil

market if non-Opec producers did not cooperate to curb oil production.

He said that a drop of some \$4 a barrel in world oil prices since the beginning of the year had resulted from high non-Opec output and low demand for Opec oil.

"The present conditions will continue for a considerable time if non-Opec supply does not decrease significantly and demand does not increase," he said.

### Production

Chalabi said Opec now had to cut production if it wanted to preserve its \$18 a barrel reference price. This would mean sacrificing some of its market share to producers outside the 13 nation group.

"Opec cannot defend oil prices and its market share at the same time. Either it must defend its market share and leave prices to supply and demand, or stabilise prices and leave output levels to forces of demand," he said.

The only other alternative was to press non-Opec producers into cutting their production.

"At this time Opec can do is to create incentives for non-Opec

members to cooperate to ensure the stability of prices," he said.

He predicted that if the market continued to weaken, non-Opec producers would see it in their interest to cut production to help boost prices as they did in 1986.

"What is going on now will lead non-Opec producers to realise that it is in their interest to reduce production to achieve not necessarily a fixed price but a range of between \$15 and 18," he said.

### Cooperation

According to Al Wattari, Opec was currently conducting studies on refinery capacities in Arab countries, product specification, manpower, new projects and data exchange.

He noted that under a five-year programme, covering 1987-91, Opec was launching efforts to encourage the exchange of oil products among Arab countries.

He also stressed the need for cooperation among Arab countries in the transport and distribution of oil products and natural gas, adding that joint actions were the only option available.

He said that Opec and other Arab organisations could play a role in the efforts towards Arab economic integration.

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He said that the surplus of oil products produced by Arab refineries could be absorbed by the Arab countries as the region was the most rapidly growing market for products in the world.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt—Societe Generale Bank Nederland NV is issuing a 150 min mark five-year Eurobond (RTTB 0825) with a five pct coupon priced at 100-3/4, lead manager Societe Generale-Elsaesche Bank and Co said.

Zurich—Electricite de France is issuing a 150 min Swiss franc, 20 year bond with a five pct coupon and 101-3/4 issue price, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTVU 1308)

London—Swedish Export Credit (SEK) is issuing a 100 min ECU Eurobond due April 21, 1992, (RTYI 1601) paying 7-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, Banque Paribas Capital Markets Ltd said as lead manager.

London—New Zealand is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due July 14, 1993 paying five pct and priced at 101-3/4, lead manager Nomura International said. (RTYE 1536)

London—Wasino Machine Co Ltd is issuing a 50 min dir equity warrant Eurobond due April 13, 1993, paying an indicated 4-5/8 pct and priced at par, Daiwa Europe Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUW 1111)

Paris—Electricite de France is issuing a 3.5 billion franc domestic bond in three tranches, the respective lead managers said. (RTYO 1612)

## Inter-bank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-7/8 3/4	8-7/8 13/16	9-8-7/8
FFT	3.25/35	40/50	40/50
PAR	7-11/16 3/4	7-3/4 7/8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	1-5/8 1-7/8
BRX	6.10	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
ROM	10-1/10 5/8	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS	4-0/4 4-1/8	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-0/4 4-1/8
TOK	3.4375 5000	3.9375 4.0000	3.8125 8750
ECU	6.062 6.312	6.18 6.31	6.31 6.43

## Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	4/1/16	4/9/16
	3 months	4/1/8	4/5/8
	6 months	4/7/16	4/15/16
	1 year	4/11/16	5/3/16

## BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66	65	65.50	MICO	525	515	515	
ACC	146	147	145.50	GNFC	31.50	31	31	MUKAND	80	79	80.50
ALSA PAINT	147.50	145	148.75	GIFC	105	104	104.50	ORKAY	20.50	18.50	20
BAJAJ AUTO	412.50	412.50	417.50	HIND LEVER	70	67.50	67	PEICO	27	26	26.50
BAL RAYON	177	185	180	HINDALCO	124	123	122	PFIZER	71	70	68
BON DYEING	130	130	132	HINDCOCA	81.50	80	81.25	PRE-AUTO	26.75	26.50	26
BR. BOND	84	82	84	HINDMOTOR	18.50	18.25	18	RAYMOND	47	46	47
BSE INDEX	428.37	419.97	419.97	IND ORG	16	16.50	15.50	RELIANCE	86	87	87
CENTURYSPG	770	770	787.50	INDRAYON	52.50	52.50	52.50	SIEMENS	65	64	65
COLGATE	199	187.50	185	INDROL	166.50	165	162.50	SPIC	26.75	27	25.50
DEEPAKERT	27	26.25	26.50	ITC	36	36	36	STDIMILLS	245	230	240
EI-HOTEL	44	42	44	JKSYNTH	60	58.50	59	TATA PMR	192.50	195	192.50
ESKAYEF	170	167.50	171.25	L AND T	85	83.50	84	TATACHEM	62.50	61	62.50
ESSAR	17.50	17.50	18	MAHINDRA	54	54	54	TELCO	370	365	388
GAR. POLY	77.50	76.50	76	MASTERSHR	9.12	9	9.12	TISCO	636.25	637.50	650
GE.SHIP	24.50	24.15	24.35	MATHER PL	100	98	98.50	VOLTAS	255	242.50	245

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE
AEG	257.0	245.5
ALLIANZ VR	1382.0	1372.0
BADENWERK	176.2	177.2
BAFIS	248.5	242.5
BAIER	268.2	263.3
BAYER HYP	359.0	359.0
BAYER VER	363.0	355.5
BBC	310.0	309.2
BHF	350.0	342.0
BHV	536.0	530.0
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0
CONTENZBKR	236.5	234.5
CONTI GUIN	241.8	237.8
DAIMER BEN	699.5	700.0
DEUTSC BNK	432.5	428.8
DLW FIN	340.0	338.0
DRESBORN B	258.0	252.5
DT BABBOCK	167.0	162.5
FAZ INDEX	465.07	460.55
GOLDSCHMID	245.0	243.0
HARPER	405.0	405.0
HOECHST AG	263.8	259.3
HOESCH	113.0	113.0
HORTEN	195.0	194.5
HUSSEL HLD	454.0	446.0
KALI SALZ	144.5	143.5
KARSTADT	449.5	444.0
KAUFHOF	399.5	388.5
KLOECK H	103.5	101.5
KLOECK W	0	81.5
LINDE	586.0	578.0
LUFTHANSA	147.0	146.5
MANN	162.0	161.0
MERCEDES	576.0	573.0
METALLGES	250.0	253.0
NIXDORF PF	570.0	569.1
NORSK HYD	47.30	47.40
PHILIP KIR	630.0	625.5
PORSCHE	521.0	506.5
PREUSSAG	137.0	134.0
RHEIN	198.5	197.5
RHEIN P	208.0	204.5
RHEINMETAL	200.0	197.7
RELMANDER	260.0	251.5
SALAMANDER	270.0	265.5
SCHERING	461.5	456.0
SEL	315.0	310.0
SIEMENS	391.0	385.4
THYSEN	129.7	129.0
VARTA	274.5	268.0
VEB	261.5	258.6
VEW	165.0	163.3
VOLKSWAGEN	242.3	238.9

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1220	1200
AIJINMOTO	3280	3230	MITSUB EL	711	700
AKAI ELEC	618	630	MITSUB EST	2220	2120
AKOI	981	975	MITSUB HVY	675	679
ASAHI GAS	1940	1910	MITSUKO	815	792
ASAHI OPT	608	618	MITSUMI EL	1200	1160
BANK TOKYO	1530	1520	NICHICON	1360	1380
BRIDGESTON	1330	1350	NIHON CRNT	865	860
CANON	1160	1110	NIKKO SEC	2100	2050
CASIO COMP	1290	1260	NIP ELEC	2100	2050
CHUGAI MMG	0	1700	NIP KKOM	398	399
CITIZEN W	638	640	NIP OIL	1210	1230
D-ICHI KAN	3010	3020	NIP STEEL	466	469
DAI NIP IK	799	799	NIP YUSEN	594	585
DAI NIP PT	2560	2530	NIS MOTOR	877	875
DAI NIP SC	980	937	NONURA SEC	4080	3940
DAI NIP TO	522	526	OIBA CO	993	1010
DAICEL	820	820	OLYMPUS	1140	1140
DAIMA H	1720	1720	PENTA OCN	833	850
DAIMA SEC	2750	2660	PIONEER	3380	3320
EBRA MFG	916	901	RENOV	857	850
EISA	2590	1690	RICOH	1260	1230
FUJITSU	3380	3350	SANYO ELEC	555	541
FUJI PHOTO	4280	4180	SEIYU ST	2280	2310
FUJISWA	2030	2010	SEKISUI PB	1850	1810
FUJITA CP	738	724	SHARP	1010	1020
HITACHI	1410	1340	SHISEIDO	1690	1690
HONDA MOT	1720	1650	SONY	5220	5130
ISETAN	1370	1350	SUNITOMO	1100	1100
ITO YOKADO	4140	4090			

## Kuwait total energy use set to rise further

BAGHDAD, March 16. (Kuna): According to a Kuwaiti study published here today Kuwait total consumption of energy in the year 2000 will rise to 96.7 million barrels a year, an increase of 1.2 to 2.3 per cent yearly.

The report, tabled by the Kuwaiti delegation to the fourth Arab energy conference which winds up here tomorrow, said the largest part of consumption would be in the field of electricity generation which will rise to 39 million barrels in the year 2000 against 33.4 million barrels in 1986.

The study indicated that total use of energy for all purposes in Kuwait has reached 74.4 million barrels of oil in 1986, which equals 203,000 barrels a day.

The study has projected its estimates of future demand for energy in the period 1990 to 2000 on the basis of present forecasts on national income, estimated population growth, per capita income and expected changes in oil prices and general averages of inflation.

According to the study forecasts, domestic consumption of energy including electricity, would rise to 12.1 million barrels of oil in 2000 compared to only 9.3 million barrels in 1986.

It is also expected, in transportation sector, that energy utilisation would grow from 13.9 million barrels of oil in 1986 to nearly 25.6 million barrels in 2000.

The study, however, estimated that individual share of total energy would decrease from 41 to 31 barrels for the same period on the basis of projected population growth and changes in electricity tariffs.

The study said that despite the decrease in demand for energy in the world market the number of workers in the field of energy in Kuwait edged up from 25,400 in 1980 to 27,600 in 1986.

The report added that such hike is related to increasing activities of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its subsidiaries such as the modernisation of refineries at home, or acquisition of projects abroad.

It indicated that a number of workers of the Ministry of Water and Electricity declined to 11,400 in 1986 from 13,000 in 1981.

The Kuwaiti delegation to the conference is headed by Shiam Ruzuki from the Oil Ministry, and includes a number of officials from the ministry, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in addition to Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company.

## Brazil raises gasoline prices

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 16, (AP): The government raised the price of gasoline, alcohol fuel and petroleum derivatives yesterday by an average of 18.65 per cent.

The pump price of gasoline rose to the equivalent of \$1.57 a gallon. Pure alcohol fuel, which powers about 25 per cent of the nation's 10 million cars, went up to \$1.30 a gallon.

Similar increases were decreed for diesel fuel, cooking gas, fuel oil, naphtha and airplane fuel.

The National Petroleum Council said the increase was due to the almost daily devaluation of the Brazilian cruzado and to higher costs for alcohol producers, transport and packaging.

It was the third increase this year, bringing the total increase to 60.70 per cent since January. The last increase was on Feb 9 and inflation in the period is estimated at 59.41 per cent in the first three months.

Brazil has pledged to keep alcohol 35 per cent cheaper than gasoline in an effort to encourage motorists to switch to vehicles powered by alcohol, which is made from domestically-grown sugar cane.

## Foreign firms competing for Indonesia's nuclear plant

JAKARTA, March 16. (UPI): Laden with energy-generating resources in remote and costly locations, Indonesia is weighing the merits of nuclear power — with foreign investors footing the bill.

Despite an abundance of oil, natural gas and coal plus rivers and volcanoes offering enticing prospects of hydropower and geothermal alternatives, officials contend the natural boon is not enough to meet the future energy needs of the world's fifth most populous nation.

### Plant

Construction must begin "at the latest in 1990," said Research and Technology Minister B. J. Habibie.

He insisted that traditional and untapped resources will not satisfy the electricity demands of an industrialising Indonesia by the turn of the century.

## Pressure on dollar eases

# Sterling firms again, gold soars

LONDON, March 16, (Reuters): Britain's pound sterling rose again today but an international buying spree cooled enough to take some pressure off the dollar, dealers said.

A rising pound last week sent the dollar down against other currencies, too. But sterling's renewed firmness after a tax-cutting British budget yesterday has yet to hit the dollar.

### Attraction

Shares were mixed. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares fell more than 10 points in early trading to dip below 1,830. In Tokyo, the Nikkei Stock Market index climbed 228.76 points, or 9.0 per cent, to 25,704.43.

Dealers say they are waiting to see what — if anything — Britain's Central Bank will do to slow the flow of foreign money into the country attracted by relatively high British interest rates. Last week's huge flow affected currency values and share prices around the world.

And Britain's high interest rates mean investors can get a good return on their money by

attraction," said a senior British bank dealer. "The main thing today will be finding out what the Bank of England's up to."

The pound edged up slightly to \$1.85 and was up about 0.75 pence to approach 3.09 Deutschemarks. The dollar, meanwhile, rose about half a penny to 1.67 marks and gained half a yen to 127.50 yen.

The price of gold was fixed in London at \$447.15 an ounce, up \$4.95.

Oil prices remained depressed by a worldwide glut.

Britain, the biggest North Sea oil producer, seems unfazed and in his budget speech yesterday Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson forecast steady, strong growth.

That, and Lawson's tax cuts, should boost shares, but investors are worried that a strong pound will price British goods out of foreign markets.

And Britain's high interest rates mean investors can get a good return on their money by

parking it in British bank accounts and bonds. Their sterling buying has boosted its value.

High interest rates are aimed at keeping inflation down and Britain seems likely to keep rates up.

"Interest rates are really the only effective instrument you have to keep inflation ... and the economy on track," Lawson said in a commercial radio interview today.

### Rise

"Although government borrowing has disappeared altogether ... private borrowing is still running at a high level and that is why interest rates have to be maintained high," he said.

If interest rates do not fall, the other way of capping sterling is for the Bank of England to sell pounds.

During Lawson's speech yesterday, the Bank of England intervened to slow sterling's rise, for the first time in days.

"There was a technical downward reaction after the Bank of England intervention yesterday.

Everyone was long and no one wanted to push too far. But now the time has come to push sterling up again," a Frankfurt dealer said.

Dealers are being cautious, however, because of what looked like a dispute over currency-rate policy between Lawson and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last week.

Thatcher is worried that spending money to keep the pound down will boost inflation.

Currency rates preoccupy other markets, too.

### Hopes

In Frankfurt, share prices rose as the dollar's firm tone raised hopes that West German companies would not lose still more American sales. Paris shares were steady, while Amsterdam's CBS all-share index rose 0.2 points to 82.6. The All-Share Swiss index rose 1.4 points to 857.

Sydney's all-ordinary index eased one point to 1,357.9 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng eased 23.88 points at 2,555.04.

## Oil minister wants to increase Opec's market share

# Nazer faces first test

BAHRAIN, March 16. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Hisham Nazer found out to his cost this week he too could influence oil markets.

His charismatic predecessor, veteran Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, had a habit of talking markets up or down. But a remark by Nazer in Baghdad on Monday sent oil prices into a tailspin.

Oil industry analysts say the problems that haunted Yamani still stalk Saudi Arabia and Nazer now faces his first major test after 15 months in the oil minister's hot seat.

Oil ministers' market which allowed Yamani to dictate Opec and world oil prices in the 1970s had turned into one for buyers by the early 1980s when Yamani's star began to fade.

The analysts said Nazer now faced very similar problems of glut and unpredictable markets that Yamani battled in his last days as oil minister.

"Nazer has long-term plans ... (he wants) to increase Opec's market share as world demand expands on stable Opec output and prices," said Peter Nicol of Chase Manhattan Securities in London.

**Plans**

Those plans include restructuring the Saudi oil industry and establishing a foothold in consumer markets.

"He is not going to give up the Saudi market share or campaign for an output cut as the leader of Opec," an oil industry executive said.

Under Yamani, Saudi Arabia was Opec's "swing producer," cutting output at times of market weakness to help prices recover. But Nazer has made clear Saudi

Arabia will not revert to the role that cost it billions of dollars in lost revenue.

As a swing producer Saudi oil production dropped as low as two million barrels per day (bpd), compared with its 10 million bpd capacity.

The analysts said Saudi Arabia was now keeping output to its Opec quota of 4,343,000 bpd and trying to protect its market share by selling oil at prices linked to the spot market, at least to some customers.

**Production**

"If they discount to everyone, the market will collapse. They are putting their unsold production in storage ... to sell whenever they find buyers," an oil industry executive said.

Oil industry sources said the market was shocked by Nazer's statement in Baghdad at a time when oil prices were firming on expectations of an output cut by Opec.

**Plans**

It was an uncompromising and aggressive statement ... the Saudis will also pay heavily as their oil revenues will be hit," an oil industry executive said.

"A five per cent cut by Opec would have helped prices to recover more than 10 per cent," another oil executive said.

But Peter Nicol said the Saudis were also concerned oil prices could rise above Opec's \$18 a barrel benchmark.

## Bacteria cocktail may hold key to boosting world oil reserves

CANBERRA, March 16. (Reuters): Cocktails of bacteria, sand and water kept in an oven in an Australian laboratory may hold the key to adding billions of barrels to world oil reserves.

The mixture is used in experiments that represent a major advance in attempts to extract large quantities of oil left behind by conventional recovery techniques, Australian scientists say.

Worldwide, only about a third of the oil known to be in wells can be recovered.

The problem is that oil is not found in huge underground lakes, but is instead trapped as droplets in capillaries of rock reservoirs.

These bacteria produce a detergent-like substance that breaks the tension and frees the oil from the rock.

Early research projects involved pouring waste dairy products or raw sewage mixed with molasses down oil wells to feed the bacteria.

**Pressure**

When an oil pipe penetrates the rock, water or gas pressure forces oil to the surface.

But most of the oil is left behind, usually because pressure is too low or the oil is trapped through surface tension created when oil and water meet.

"If you soak a sponge full of oil, then put the sponge under the tap, a lot of oil will wash out. But the sponge will still be fairly oily," said Alan Sheehy, leading the research at the college of

produced "quite marvellous results".

They are confident their methods are commercially viable and plan to start field tests in April at the Alton Oil well in the Surat basin in the eastern state of Queensland.

Their method will cost less than one Australian dollar (71 US cents) a barrel and could raise "by many per cent" the amount of oil recoverable, they say.

"If we only bring up 0.1 per cent more oil in Australia, a comparatively insignificant amount, that would be worth about eight million dollars (\$3.6 million) a annum," Sheehy said.

Scientists have generally concentrated on altering the oil well environment to stimulate the bacteria.

Sheehy and his team are not prepared to disclose details of their process. But they say they have tackled the problem from the opposite direction, concentrating on discovering what makes bacteria establish themselves in oil wells in the first place.

The Australians believe they are ahead, with one scientist saying laboratory tests have

## Joint insurance planned for Gulf carriers

MANAMA, March 16. (GNA): The executive chairman of Gulf Air, Ali Al Maleki, said today that the three GCC national carriers were planning to have joint insurance for their aircraft.

He said this step would strengthen their negotiating power with international insurance companies.

Al Maleki said this step was part of a plan to strengthen cooperation between Gulf Air, Saudi Airlines and Kuwait Airways.

He said the GCC carriers were going ahead with a project to joint purchase of aviation fuel.

He hoped that Gulf Air would make a real profit this year, and said a stable oil market would help. He said Gulf Air usually benefited when oil prices drop-

ped because it paid BD40 million for fuel every year. But a drop in oil prices had more negative aspects that positive ones because the drop in government revenue led to a drop in public expenditure.

### Profits

He said it was very difficult for airlines to make the profits they did before. He hoped ticket prices would improve this year although they had continued to drop in the whole Gulf region.

He denied that Gulf Air had been violating the agreements it made with other airlines in the region.

He called for imposing some restriction to the open air space policy adopted by Gulf states.

## World Bank operation in China successful

WASHINGTON, March 16. (Xinhua): For the past seven years, the World Bank has been extensively involved in assisting China's modernisation programmes, and so far results from Bank-financed projects have been successful.

This view is widely shared by Bank officials involved in the China operation. As of last June, the number of World Bank projects in China totalled 52, with \$5.5 billion in loans committed.

Almost half of the loans went to support China's efforts to modernise its transportation and energy sector, next came population planning programmes and upgrading of education.

### Loans

This year, the Bank is adding "policy loans" to help China carry out sectoral reforms. A rural credit project was approved early this year. Altogether, the Bank will provide more than 10 loans of between \$1.7 to 1.8 billion to China.

Last year, the Bank lent China \$1.4 billion, which was \$300 million more than in 1986. China and the Bank expect loans to hit \$3 billion annually in four or five years.

## Development programme for bankers

THE Institute of Banking Studies is to organise 10-day executive development programme from March 19 to 30, from 8.30 am for top executive managers and assistant general managers in banks and financial institutions.

The programme is aimed at helping the senior managers develop an integrative framework for optimising efforts and outcomes of marketing, finance, operations and human resources functions, in a contemporary banking context in Kuwait.

The programme will be presented in distinct modules: general management module, marketing module, balance sheet management module, and technology module. The programme will conclude with a symposium on "Kuwait banking" on March 30.

The programme will be organised in collaboration with Peat Marwick McLintock of UK. Senior bankers will present papers on current issues of topical interest.

Three other courses on financial accounting, banking operations and central banking will also begin on March 19.



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Paul Simon and his wife Jeanne react to the cheering crowd after the Illinois senator won the primary election on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush waves to cheering supporters after a GOP victory on Tuesday in the Illinois primary. At left is Illinois Governor James Thompson, and right is Bush's daughter Dorothy. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOURNERS comfort an injured woman after a gun and grenade attack on the funeral of three IRA guerrillas yesterday. Three people were killed and 23 were wounded in the attack. (Reuter wirephoto)



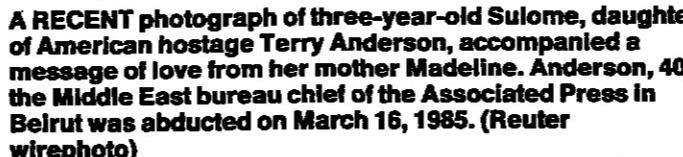
BATON-WIELDING Philippine policemen disperse student activists in front of the US Embassy in Manila on Tuesday. Activists are demanding the pullout of American bases in the country. (Reuter wirephoto)



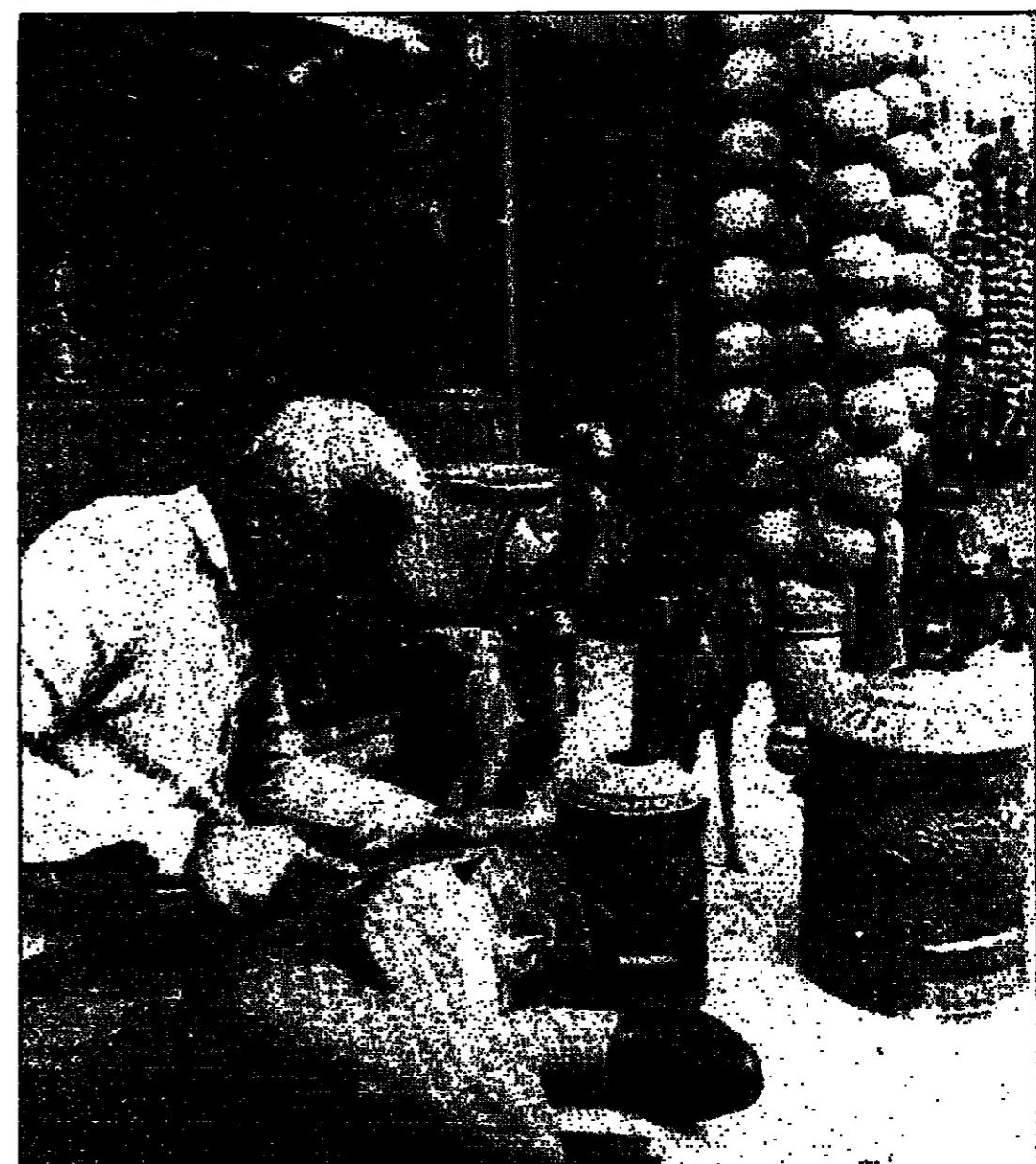
FRENCH Prime Minister Jacques Chirac (right) and Finance Minister Edouard Balladur brief journalists at the Hotel Matignon in Paris, moments after the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday. They confirmed that the government still expects to cut the budget deficit to around 115 billion francs this year and to 100 billion in 1989. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOTHER THERESA, Nobel Peace Prize winner, receives flowers from children of the SOS Institutions in Hinterbril, Austria, on Tuesday, during a brief visit to Austria. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RECENT photograph of three-year-old Sulome, daughter of American hostage Terry Anderson, accompanied a message of love from her mother Madeline. Anderson, 40, the Middle East bureau chief of the Associated Press in Beirut was abducted on March 16, 1985. (Reuter wirephoto)



HUSSAM TURJUMAN, 55, overhauls a 150-year-old wooden mehbaj at the central Damascus handicraft market. Hussam, who has been making mehbajis and other wooden handicrafts, said the mehbaj, which was used by Arabs for more than three centuries to grind coffee, is no longer in use since the invention of electric grinders. People now buy them as a reminder of the past. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE owner of this Volkswagen begins the task of digging it out of a large snow drift after heavy snowfall in the Bavarian mountains of Austria. (Reuter wirephoto)



A MAN rushes his daughter out of the Social Security Hospital after it was tear gassed by police during rock throwing riots in Panama City on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ITALIAN Socialist party leader Bettino Craxi leaves Rome's Quirinale presidential palace after talks with President Cossiga on the formation of a new government yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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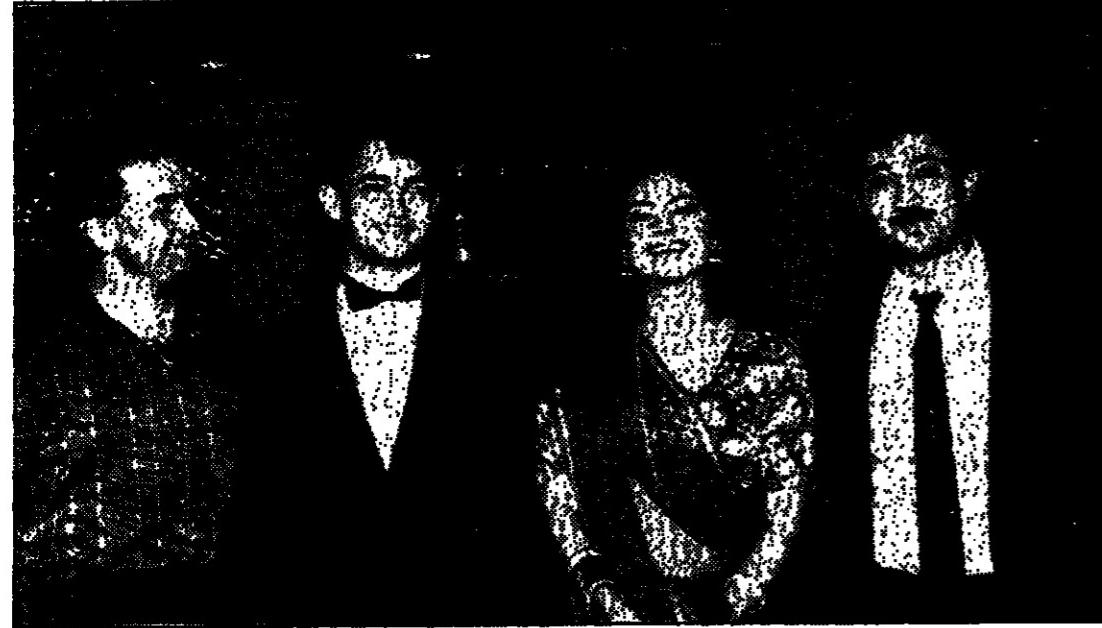
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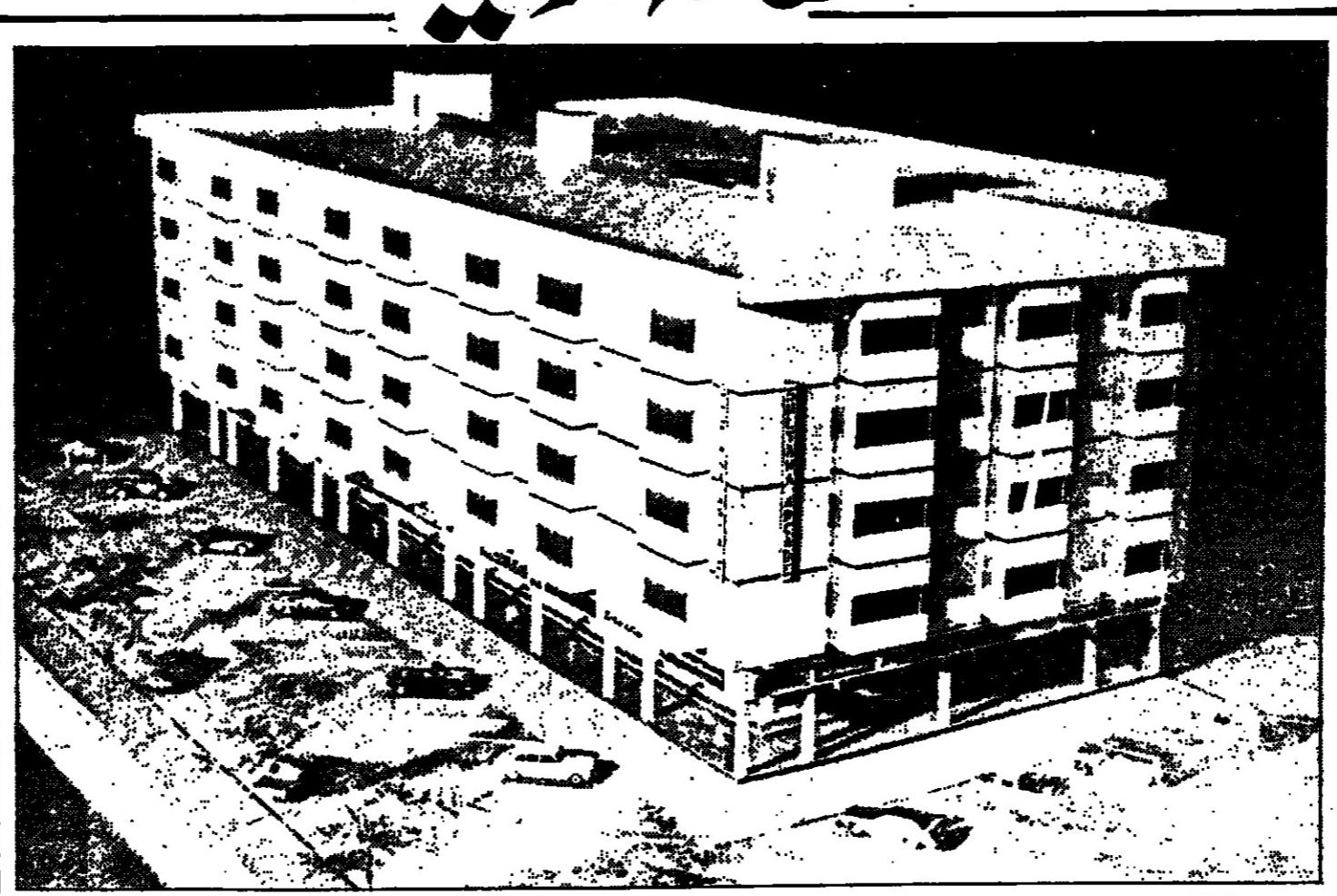
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## SPORTS

**Botham charged with assault and misconduct**

PERTH, Australia, March 16, (AP): English Test cricketer Ian Botham was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after an alleged incident on a flight to Perth from Brisbane today, Australian Federal Police said.

Botham, a member of the Queensland state cricket team in Perth to meet Western Australia in the final of the domestic Sheffield Shield competition, could also face disciplinary action by the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA).

**Regulations**

He was expected to be released on bail from east Perth police station later today, Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

Police said the two assault charges were under the Crimes Act and the disorderly conduct charge was under Australian Air Navigation Act regulations.

AAP reported that Botham had been taken to Federal Police headquarters in Perth for questioning.

Geoffrey Court, state manager of the domestic Ansett Airlines, said several passengers complained about the behaviour of the Queensland cricket team and that the complaints were forwarded to Federal Police.

AAP said police interviewed and took statements from several passengers today.

Botham and Queensland captain Allan Border both refused to comment on the incident.

QCA secretary Graant Evans has called for a report into the incident, saying Botham might have violated an Australian Cricket Board code-of-behaviour regulation.

He said the regulation warned that a player must not engage in a public act of misconduct or unruly public behaviour while representing Australia or his state.

**Involvement**

Evans said the report would be forwarded to the QCA's state commissioner, Ron Archer, for a hearing and determination.

The hearing, which will involve Evans, Archer and Border, will be held when the team arrives back in Brisbane.

Border, who sat two seats away from Botham on the flight, appeared slightly stunned by the charges when he returned to his hotel with coach Ray Reynolds this evening.

"I am very surprised that it has gone this far," Border said. "We will inform the players, but I don't want them worrying about it. They have enough on their minds. Ian has taken it fairly hard."

Border said the incident would not jeopardise Botham's appearance in the final.

## Sri Lankans name squad for Sharjah

COLOMBO, March 16, (Reuter): The Sri Lankan cricket selectors have named a 14-man squad for the three-nation Sharjah Cup tournament which starts on March 25.

Thirteen of the party went on the recent tour of Australia, the three missing players being Hashan Tilkeratne and Athula Samarasekera, who are now touring Zimbabwe with the Sri Lanka 'B' side, and Sritheeran Jegathapalan.

New Zealand and India are the other two teams competing in Sharjah.

The Sri Lanka's squad: R.S. Madugalle (captain), A. Ranasingha, R.S. Mahanama, D.S.R. Kuruppu, A.P. Gurusingha, P.A. de Silva, J.R. Ratnayake, R.G. de Alwis, G.F. Labrooy, H.C.P. Ramanayake, K.N. Amalean, S.D. Aguraisri, Asoka de Silva, S.M.S. Kulupuruma.

## New Goans and Strikers reach final

NEW GOANS and United Goan Strikers reached the final of the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam Trophy football tournament, sponsored by Sana Household, with victories over Vandana and Rising Boys respectively at the Fahheel grounds on Tuesday.

The first game between Vandana and New Goans was a very closely fought game and was decided in a penalty shootout.

**Penalty**

There were few anxious moments for both the teams. New Goans failed to score in the last minute of the normal time when the ball rolled in front of the Vandana goal and the New Goans' players failed to tap it in.

After the teams failed to reach a decision in the extra time, the game went into a penalty shootout. New Goans scored on all of their five penalty shots while Vandana missed one.

## PAKISTAN LOSE SECOND ONE-DAY GAME

# Ambrose fires W. Indies to victory



Simmons: gave W. Indies a good start

Patrick Patterson here.

Patterson made the initial breakthrough in the fifth over when Rameez Raja, after hitting two successive fours, lifted a delivery to mid-wicket.

In the next over, Ambrose bowled Mudassar Nazar with a full-length delivery, and soon had Salim Malik caught at slip.

Halt the side were out for 72

off 25 overs but, not for the first time in his illustrious career, Imran influenced a revival in which 91 runs were added from the 21 further overs bowled before time ran out. Pakistan's captain made a workmanlike 53 off 101 balls, including three fours.

When West Indies launched their reply, Simmons played in a typically aggressive fashion and outscored Greenidge. He reached his 50 off 46 deliveries with nine fours but was out shortly afterwards, edging a delivery from Mudassar into his stumps.

After his departure, two wickets fell rapidly. Greenidge became the first international victim of medium-pacer Hafiz Shahid when he was caught at mid-on by Imran trying to hit over the top.

Richie Richardson, also trying to force the pace, was caught at deep backward square off Mudassar.

Imran, who was smashed for 20 runs in two overs at the start of the innings, returned to dismiss Gus Logie and Carlisle Best. But Carl Hooper and Dujon knocked off the remaining 26, Hooper sealing the win with a cover-driven four.

Benjamin was named Man of the Match.

**Scoreboard****PAKISTAN**

Mudassar Nazar b Ambrose ..... 4

Salim Malik c Greenidge b Ambrose ..... 0

Javed Miandad c Dujon b Benjamin ..... 24

Ejaz Ahmed c Simmons b Benjamin ..... 6

Imran Khan c and b Ambrose ..... 53

Naved Anjum b Benjamin ..... 2

Salim Yousuf run out ..... 24

Wasim Akram c Simmons b Ambrose ..... 18

Hafiz Shahid not out ..... 7

Salim Jaffer not out ..... 2

Extras (lb-2, nb-3 w-7) ..... 12

Total (nine wickets — 46 overs) ..... 166

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-21 3-24 4-49

2w, 72-6-78 7-118 8-153 9-162

Bowling: Patterson 8-0-37-1 (3nb

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**WEST INDIES****G. Greenidge**

c Imran b Shahid ..... 35

P. Simmons b Mudassar ..... 54

R. Richardson c Miandad b Mudassar ..... 12

C. Best lbw b Imran ..... 17

A. Logie c Ejaz b Imran ..... 8

J. Dujon not out ..... 21

Extras (lb-1 w-3 nb-5) ..... 9

Total (five wickets — 37.1 overs) ..... 167

Fall of wickets: 1-86 2-104 3-106-4

124-141.

Did not bat: W. Benjamin, C. Walsh, P. Patterson, C. Ambrose.

Bowling: Imran 7-1-38-2 (3nb 2w), Akram 6-1-21-0 (1w), Jaffer 8-1-46-2 (2w), Shahid 9-0-41-1, Mudassar 7-1-30-2.

Result: West Indies won by five wickets.

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**McEnroe plans to return in April****KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 16, (Reuters)**

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McEnroe, currently 15th in the world, has not played a tournament since the US Open in September, where he received a 60-day suspension for his unsportsmanlike behaviour.

Since serving the suspension, McEnroe has remained out of tournament competition with a chronic back problem. He last played an exhibition in January, where he lost to Soviet Andrei Chesnokov.

Speculation that the 29-year-old McEnroe would not return to competition began when he withdrew from tournaments in Lyon, France, Philadelphia and Milan, Italy, in February.

McEnroe said that he would not return to tournament play until he had sufficiently recovered.

"I don't want to come back until I feel 100 per cent. I played too often and too soon (after injury) in the past," said McEnroe.

With most major tournaments now played in Asia, where the Asians have the advantage of familiarity with the heat and humidity — the All-England Championships offer the Europeans a chance to put the record straight.

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**SPORTS****AL HAJRI AIMS FOR THIRD VICTORY****Kuwait International Rally starts today****By Gail Seery**

THERE is no such thing as an easy rally, according to former Middle East Champion Saeed Al Hajri. "A rally is never easy. I must work hundred per cent — myself and my team — to do well and win the rally — if I have luck."

Al Hajri snatched a few moments to speak to the Arab Times between practice sessions yesterday, and was clearly relaxed and confident for today's Kuwait International Rally. "Some say it's a small and easy rally," he continued, "but this is also a very fast rally." He felt that the need to travel at such high speeds put more pressure on him as a driver, and on the car. "It's fast and maybe a little dangerous," he said. However "it's the same as last year; the Kuwait rally is the fastest rally of the championship."

**Disposition**

Al Hajri will be driving a powerful Rothmans-backed Audi Quattro in this rally, and has the traction advantages of 4wd as well as high speed at his disposal. He makes no bones about his aims. "I am here to take



**Harry Carr: ready for the rally.**

my third win in Kuwait. I want to win every rally I do. I wouldn't do a rally for fun any more. There is so much more to worry about at this level, and I have to keep my sponsors happy."

"I will push from the start," he continued. "After two stages we will be able to see what Mohamed Bin Sulayem is doing."

"Michel Saleh is quick and will stay with us." Al Hajri had said earlier that first and second positions were already booked for the whole season. However he admitted that Saleh has the potential to upset this.

Not that Saleh has any doubt that it is so. He has long been renowned as a fast driver, but one who has suffered problems in the past, and he is well aware that whilst he might have the ability to challenge the other two, his car and team is not as well supported financially as either Al Hajri or Sulayem's. Two of his main sponsors are the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Royal Jordan Airlines.

Saleh has no doubt as to what

**Eligible starters**

**Sulayem during last year's rally.**

will happen in the rally. "The young people will have no chance to catch the three of us. At the end of the day there will be three groups, us, the other Group B cars, and everybody else. There will be a big gap between the first group and the rest," Saleh looked back to the days when Kuwait was a much tougher rally. "We started at lunchtime and finished the first leg at lunchtime the following day."

Saleh, unlike Hajri, who said that the day lost through official problems was not a problem, was bitter. "We hope they will check properly next time, before they make us waste a day."

Ottmar Lange, Saleh's co-driver, explained his decision to co-drive to the Arab Times. "It was a last moment decision, to see once how it is done on the other side of the seat — something I hadn't done before. The Audi Quattro's power interested me and I wanted to understand where the gap was between our cars and theirs."

I know now that we have been banging our heads against a brick wall. There is no way you can beat these cars with conventional cars. I now understand the meaning of Group B rallying."

"Things happen so much faster. I can't imagine a private entrant could ever manage to support one of these cars."

"Michel is definitely a top driver — his car control is good, as is his judgement as a driver."

Lange now finds himself having to get used to his new role as navigator, and he continued, "I am more scared about me making mistakes, through not being used to the speed and misleading him into mistakes."

The pair have had little opportunity to practise, especially with the earlier start problems. "We're practising in the Manta, so again we have the problems of adjustment. The Manta is by no means a slow car, but it's not in the same league as the Audi."

One thing has now become very clear to Lange, one of Kuwait's top drivers, who has not competed since last year's International. "The championship is not run for Group S Cars. You have to be up to group B car standards."

**Gap**

Lange doesn't expect to win. "We are not heavily sponsored and can't overdo it. I don't think the gap between us will be too big. We are capable of being up front, but it is unwise to get into a fight with the front runners without support."

Lange feels he has learned a great deal about the difference between the factory cars and the Group B cars driven by drivers like himself. "We are not comparing apples and oranges, we are comparing apples and potatoes," he said with a grin.

Mohammed Bin Sulayem and navigator Ronan Morgan were out practising all day yesterday trying to make up the lost time.

Abbas Al Mousawi told the Arab Times that he was most disappointed to find that the top seeds were back in the race. "I thought it was my chance to win," he said. "I thought it was a chance to go out and drive and stand a chance of winning. It did my heart good, but that's over now." His words were echoed by his ex-navigator, Mubarak Al Hajri, now navigating for

Saeed's younger brother, who was to start the rally second.

Closer to home there is a separate struggle taking place within the rally. This is the tussle developing between Tareq Al Wazzan, backed by Marlboro and Ahmed Al Hilal of Rothmans, for the National Championship. There are 48 points to be won here and both Hilal and Wazzan are determined to find themselves leading the championship by a comfortable margin at the end of this rally.

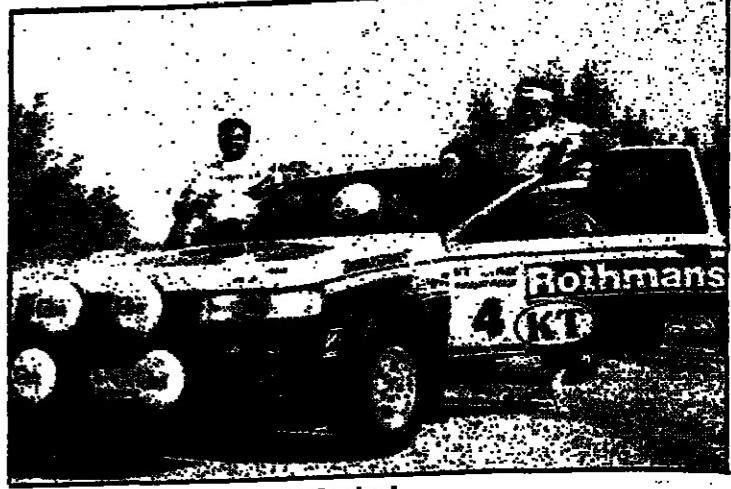
Nor are they the only ones out to be the first Kuwaiti team to home. Miskulin is aiming to prove himself, along with navigator Klaus Schwengenbiegel. They will be making a strong bid for National Championship points in the Nissan 240RS.

Mohammed Al Husseini had been having a few problems with his car, but hoped that he would be able to put in a good run for top points. He is now backed by Commercial Bank, and sees this event as the second of a long season.

**Good**

Ghazi Al Zafiri said his car was going well. "We tested it and everything is good, especially on the bumps. I need one thing — luck." Ahmed Al Zafiri had to work through the night to repair the gearbox on the Opel Ascona, and Harry Carr was also having gearbox problems. Indeed, gearboxes are definitely suffering on this event. Younis Ali, the highest placed novice in the last local rally had similar problems and doubted whether his car would be able to complete the event.

Dennis sponsored husband and wife team Tareq and Khuloud Alyan will be aiming for seventh position, in the tiny Daihatsu Charade which did so well in last year's rally. A second husband and wife team is Al Syara editor Faou Chihab and wife Hanan. Chihab is an national champion, and came third in the last local rally.



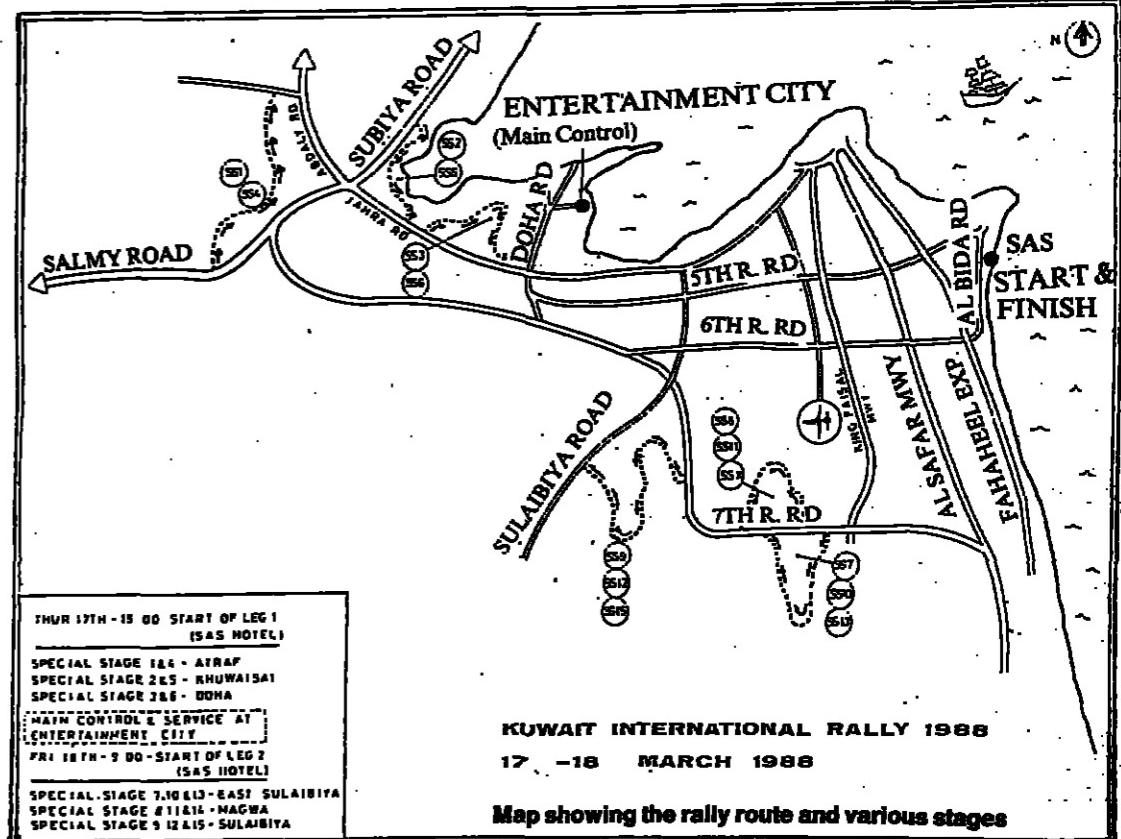
**Al Hilal (right) and Fahad Al Rashed.**



**Joseph Miskulin (right) and Klaus.**



**Al Wazzan (left) and Eid Falah (right): aim for a good position.**



**Map showing the rally route and various stages**

Car / Driver / Co-Driver	Nat	Car	GR	CL	Start time
44. Saeed Al Hajri / Steve Bond (Rothmans Rally Team)	QTR/GB	Audi Quattro	B	12	12:30
45. Mohammed Bin Sulayem / Ronan Morgan (Toyota Team Middle East)	UAE/IRL	Toyota Celica	B	12	12:32
46. Michel Saleh / Ottmar Lange	LBN/KWT	Audi Quattro	B	12	12:34
1. Abbas Al Mousawi / A Wahid Al Haye (Merch Rally Team)	QTR/QTR	Peugeot Talbot	B	12	12:36
2. Mubarak Al Hajri / M Al Hajri	QTR/QTR	Opel Manta	B	12	12:38
3. Ahmed Al Zafiri / Abdul Rahman Al Shumari	KWT/KWT	Opel Ascona	B	12	12:40
4. Ahmed Al Hilal / Fahad Al Rashed	KWT/KWT	Toyota Corolla	A	6	12:42
5. Al Hilal / Fahad Al Rashed	KWT/KWT	Lancia	S	13	12:44
6. Mohd Al Husseini / Ibrahim Al Mousawi	KWT/KWT	Toyota Celica	S	13	12:46
7. Tareq Al Wazzan / Khalid Khalifa	KWT/KWT	Range Rover	S	13	12:48
8. Ahmed Al Nasser / Bader Al Zaidi	KWT/KWT	Mitsubishi Lancer	B	12	12:50
9. Joseph Miskulin / Klaus Schwengenbiegel	KWT/KWT	Nissan 240RS	B	12	12:52
10. Lester Featherstonehouse / Mike Allen	KWT/KWT	Volvo 240	A	8	12:54
11. Michael Allen / Martin Phillips	KWT/KWT	Volvo 240	A	8	12:56
12. El Faris / Saleh / David Orwick	KWT/KWT	Range Rover	S	13	12:58
13. Sulayem / Saleh / David Orwick	KWT/KWT	Toyota Celica	S	13	13:00
14. Firas Chishib / Hassan Sarhan	KWT/KWT	Mitsubishi Lancer	S	13	13:32
15. Tareq Al Hilal / Khalid Khalifa	KWT/KWT	Daichara	S	13	13:34
16. Samir Al Husseini / Jasim Al Zafiri	KWT/KWT	Datsun 160J	S	13	13:36
17. Mumtaz Shah / Margaret Callow	KWT/KWT	Toyota Celica	S	13	13:38
18. Fouad Al Aradi / Amjad Qutshed	KWT/KWT	Nissan G1	S	13	13:40
19. Mubarak Al Mousawi / Adnan Al Omaire	KWT/KWT	Range Rover	S	13	13:42
20. Saeed Al Otaibi / Yousef Al Zaidi	KWT/KWT	Lada	S	13	13:44
21. Khaled Al Khamees / Abdul Latif Rashed	KWT/KWT	Datsun 180	S	13	13:46
22. Ghazi Al Zafiri / Saeed Al Zafiri	KWT/KWT	Suzuki Jeep	S	13	13:48
23. Khalifa Rashed / Hassan Sarhan	BHN/BHN	Toyota Celica	S	13	13:50
24. Abdulla Al Shuwaike / Anwar Abu Jawa	KWT/KWT	Mitsubishi Lancer	S	13	13:52
25. Ibrahim Al Mousawi / Tala Al Attar	KWT/KWT	Datsun 160J	S	13	13:54
26. Nori Al Hasswi / Ahmed Al Shukhen	KWT/KWT	Nissan Silvia	S	13	13:56
27. Younis Ali / Waleed Al Zaidi	KWT/KWT	Range Rover	S	13	13:58
28. Jassim Al Mousawi / Adnan Al Awad	KWT/KWT	Toyota Celica	S	13	14:00
29. Jassim Al Mousawi / Mazah Deltainey	KWT/KWT	Nissan Patrol	S	13	14:02
30. Peer Horn / Marc Horn	KWT/KWT	Nissan Silvia	S	13	14:04
31. Sarker Sourjani / Andre Sourjani	KWT/KWT	Mazda 323	S	13	14:06
32. Hassan Al Hamad / Athal Al Hamad	KWT/KWT	Toyota Corolla	S	13	14:08
33. Jasim Ben Hay / Hamad Assaad	KWT/KWT	Mitsubishi Galant	S	13	14:10
34. Saeed Al Mousawi / Athal Al Harti	KWT/KWT	Datsun 160J	S	13	14:12
35. Saeed Al Mousawi / Ahmed Al Edreesi	KWT/KWT	Holden	S	13	14:14
36. Ali Al Edreesi / Mas'lam Al Mutairi	KWT/KWT	Datsun 160 J	S	14	14:16
37. Abdurazzak Al Khamees / Fandi Al Rasheed	KWT/KWT	Datsun 200SX	S	14	14:18
38. Harry Carr / Kenneth Speak	KWT/KWT	Toyota Stellar	S	13	14:20
39. Mohammed Jarar / George Reid	KWT/KWT	Mitsubishi Pajero	S	14	14:22
40. Muzzed Faraj / Mufeed Mubarak	KWT/KWT	Toyota Corolla	S	14	14:24
41. Khaled Al Shoman / Prince Valsen	KWT/KWT	Peugeot 505 RX7	S	14	14:26
Total number of entrants : 45		Suzuki Swift	N	13	14:28

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**Cameroun to meet Nigeria**

RABAT, March 16. (Reuter): Nigeria's sharpshooting "Green Eagles" take on the "Indomitable Lions" of Cameroun in a mouthwatering encounter at the top of a Group B in the Africa Nations Cup finals tomorrow.

In the second match of the evening, defending champions Egypt plan to get their campaign to retain the trophy back on course with victory over underdogs Kenya.

**Revenge**

A fourth minute goal by veteran striker Roger Milla gave Cameroun sweet revenge for defeat by Egypt in the final two years ago while Kenya never looked like coming back from 3-0 down against Nigeria after half an hour in the group's opening games on Monday.

Cameroun will be playing without their 21-year-old wonderboy Francois Omam Biyik of French club Laval who had to leave the field on a stretcher after

**Bomb hoax**

MADRID, March 16. (Reuter): Real Madrid quit their hotel after a midnight bomb hoax on the eve of today's European Cup quarter-final second-leg tie against West German soccer champions Bayern Munich, a hotel spokesman said.

He said police ordered the evacuation of the Monte Real Hotel in an exclusive Madrid suburb after a telephone bomb warning.

the recurrence of a nagging leg injury.

He will not be fit in time, so once again the team will have to rely on the 36-year-old Milla to lead the attack.

Kenya's coach, Paul Hamilton, said he had been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Shrewsbury striker Jim Melrose and had been summoned to appear before Shrewsbury magistrates on April 14.

His remarks were supported by the Nigerian trainer Paul Hamilton. "I do not share the view that Kenya is a very weak team," he said.

Kenya took Egypt to extra time in the Africa Games soccer final last year before going down 1-0.

Disaster then struck the Harambe Stars in the 33rd minute when a goalkeeping error presented Ndubuisi Okosie with an easy goal to put the Eagles beyond reach.

The goal was first credited to Sam Okwari, but it was later discovered he had swapped shirts with Okosie.

It took the Kenyans did enough to raise questions about

Playing on the back nine through strong wind gusts, the four golfers were even after the first six holes. Sanders had a chance to break the tie but missed a short putt on the sixth hole that would have given him an eagle and \$6,000.

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